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TRANSMITTAL: 94 INF-53

TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Health and  
 Long Term Care

DATE: November 18, 1994

SUBJECT: Child Health Plus Insurance: New age limit is 15 years  
 for children born on or after June 1, 1980.

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Income Maintenance Staff  
 Medical Assistance Staff  
 Staff Development Coordinators

CONTACT PERSON: John Harwick, H & LTC, 1-800-343-8859, ext. 35878  
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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Referral to Child Health Plus ( On-Line)  
 2. Notice to insurer ( On-Line)  
 3. Eligibility limits: Child Health Plus ( On-Line)  
 4. Child Health Plus insurers (Not Available On-  
 Line)

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
91 ADM-18					
91 LCM-136					
91 LCM-204					
92 LCM-38					

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The Child Health Plus program, administered by the NYS Department of Health (DOH), provides subsidized ambulatory health insurance coverage for children in low income households. Until now, the coverage was for children under age 13. As of August, 1994, the coverage is for children under age 15 as required by Chapter 170 of the Laws of 1994.

91 ADM-18, page 5, Section IV D., required local districts to make referrals to Child Health Plus insurers when a closing/denial notice affects a child under 13 years of age and gave a suggested letter of referral to the child's parents. The revised letter of referral is Attachment 1. Please send Attachment 1 to households getting a closing/denial notice which have a child under age 15 as detailed in 91 ADM-18.

Please insure that your staff is checking to see if an applicant for assistance already has Child Health Plus coverage for household children under 15 years of age. As detailed in 91 ADM-18, the Child Health Plus insurance payment made by the DOH must stop when a child receives Medical Assistance.

Please insure that Attachment 2 is sent to the appropriate CHP insurer ( as detailed in 92 LCM-38) to inform the insurer to stop the CHP insurance when a child becomes Medicaid eligible. This will free up funds so that another non-Medicaid eligible child can receive CHP insurance through the DOH subsidy program.

Attachment 3 gives the current subsidy eligibility limit for Child Health Plus. Please note that households above this limit may buy the insurance at full cost, without subsidy.

Attachment 4, not on-line, gives the list of Child Health Plus insurers and the counties they serve.

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Sue Kelly  
Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Health and Long Term  
Care

ATTACHMENT 1

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The Child Health Plus program, sponsored by the New York State Department of Health, is available to certain children under age 15 who do not receive Medicaid. The benefit package includes:

- o Pediatric preventive services: Physician visits;
- o Diagnosis and treatment services;
- o Prescription drugs;
- o Diagnostic and laboratory tests;
- o Therapeutic services;
- o Emergency room services.

The New York State Department of Health offers subsidies to eligible households to keep the cost to you low. I encourage you to contact a Child Health Plus program listed below to see if your children qualify.

Child Health Plus Plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number : \_\_\_\_\_

If you want additional information on Child Health Plus and other programs, you may call the following toll free number:

1-800-522-5006: HEALTHY BABY HOTLINE

Sincerely,

ATTACHMENT 2

Suggested letter to Child Health Plus provider when child under age 15 is on Medicaid and Child Health Plus : Copied from 92 LCM-38, February 24, 1992

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

NAME OF CHILD:

ADDRESS:

SOCIAL SEC. #:

PHONE:

DATES OF ELIGIBILITY  
FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:  
( from/to)

We have been advised that the above named child is currently receiving Child Health Plus from your organization.

In accord with Chapters 922 and 923 of the Laws of 1990, we are informing you that this child is enrolled in the Medical Assistance program for the time period noted above.

Please call ( local district staff name) on ( phone number) if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

ATTACHMENT 3  
CHILD HEALTH PLUS: SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR 1994

Family Size: Gross annual income below for FREE Child Health Plus

2	\$15,704
3	19,662
4	23,621
5	27,578
6	31,536
7	35,495
8	39,452

Family Size: Gross annual income below for LOW COST Child Health Plus: \$25 per child per year, up to \$100 family maximum.

2	\$21,845
3	27,350
4	32,856
5	38,362
6	43,867
7	49,373
8	54,878

Source: DOH: October 1994