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**TO:** Local Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Earnings from Census Employment for Medicaid  
Applicants/Recipients

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000

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This is to advise social services districts of the policy regarding the treatment of census employment income for Medicaid applicants/recipients (A/Rs) and to correct the period of exemption for Medicaid A/Rs as stated in GIS 2000 TA/DC005.

As explained in GIS 2000 TA/DC005, income from temporary employment related to Census 2000 is exempt as income and resources for all Medicaid A/Rs. Effective January 1, 2000, temporary census employment income became exempt for all Medicaid categories. Please note that for Temporary Assistance, Food Stamps, and the Home Energy Program, census income is exempt effective February 1, 2000.

Any Medicaid cases which included census income in determining eligibility since January 1, 2000 must be rebudgeted. If an individual was adversely affected by the counting of census income, the district should reinstate Medicaid eligibility and provide reimbursement for paid medical bills for this period. In accordance with Greenstein v. Dowling, reimbursement for paid medical expenses must not be limited to the Medicaid rate or fee for the particular service. Social service districts should follow the reimbursement procedures set forth in the New York State Fiscal Reference Manual for Local Departments of Social Services in Volume I, Chapter 7, pages 18-23 (dated May 10, 1999) and Volume II, Chapter 5, pages 10-15 (dated May 10, 1999).

Any questions should be directed to your local district support representative.