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Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Utilization Threshold Program Expanded Implementation

ATTACHMENTS: Medical Assistance Utilization Threshold Fact Sheet
(not on-line)

The purpose of this Memorandum is to update social services districts as to a coverage code change related to the Utilization Threshold Program for all Medical Assistance (MA) recipients. 91 ADM-22 previously informed social service districts of the implementation of a Utilization Threshold program for Medical Assistance (MA) recipients between the ages of 21 through 64 who were in the Home Relief (HR), HR related, or HR-Federally non-participating (FNP) Parent categories effective March 1, 1991. The program was extended to all MA recipients effective September 15, 1991 as you were informed in 91 LCM-152.

The expansion of the UT program eliminates the need for Coverage Code 16-HR Utilization Thresholds which was specifically developed to identify those HR and HR-related recipients initially covered by the program. Effective September 16, 1991, in the New York City WMS, Coverage Code 16 was eliminated as a valid entry and active individuals with Coverage Code 16 were converted to Coverage Code 01-Full Coverage.

The Coverage Code 16 will also be eliminated as a valid entry in the upstate WMS, effective October 28, 1991. No mass conversion of upstate individuals with Coverage Code 16 will occur as the system will automatically change each occurrence to 01-Full Coverage on or after the date. This will occur as normal transactions are completed and workers will be advised of the system action by warning messages 804 WARNING - MA COVERAGE CODE CHANGED FROM 16 TO 01 AND 568 WARNING - MA COVERAGE DATES WERE SYSTEM GENERATED.

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As previously advised in 91 LCM-152, you should provide new MA recipients with a copy of the "Medical Assistance Utilization Threshold Fact Sheet" (see Attachment I) at the time their application for MA is accepted.

Should you have any questions regarding this material, please contact Larry Moss at 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9238 or (518) 474-9238.

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