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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Health and Long Term
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Personal Care Authorizations

ATTACHMENTS: None

This is to inform social services districts of the consolidation of rate codes for use in authorizing payments for personal care services. The consolidation is applicable to all districts outside of New York City.

The first phase of the reimbursement methodology being developed for personal care rates includes the standardization of rate codes to be used in all districts outside of New York City. Beginning January 1, 1993, only the following rate codes may be used for the authorization of personal care services in your county:

Code	Description
2601	Level I, One client
2602	Level I, Two or more clients, each client
2622	Level II, One client
2623	Level II, Two or more clients, each client
2626	Level II, Hard to serve, One client
2627	Level II, Hard to serve, Two or more clients, each client
2632	Live-In, One client
2633	Live-In, Two or more clients, each client
2742	Nursing Supervision (if not included in rate)
2787	Nursing Assessment
2501	Shared Aide, Level I, Hourly
2502	Shared Aide, Level II, Hourly
2507	Shared Aide, Level I, Quarter Hour
2508	Shared Aide, Level II, Quarter Hour

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Prior approvals already established which have dates of service that go into 1993 will be paid at the rate codes currently on file. There is no need to change the prior approval to reflect the consolidated codes.

Each provider's rate file has been adjusted to include the appropriate rate codes. Please note that starting on January 1, 1993, there will no longer be additional higher payments made for any weekend, holiday, or overtime shift differentials. All costs for shift differentials are included as part of the above listed rate codes. Mileage and transportation payments are also included as part of each rate and no additional payment should be authorized.

Any questions concerning this memorandum should be directed to the Personal Care Rate Unit at 1-800-342-3715 extension 3-5609, or 518-473-5609; user-ID 73U016.

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