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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Date: June 25, 1990

Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Nurse Practitioners

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

The Division of Medical Assistance is pleased to inform you that nurse practitioners will be able to enroll as individual providers in the Medicaid Program with an anticipated effective date of July 1, 1990. This is a result of legislation which modified the Nurse Practice Act. Although nurse practitioners will be required to have collaborative agreements and written protocols with a physician, they may practice in a separate office setting. The inclusion of nurse practitioners as Medicaid providers is intended to improve access to primary care for recipients.

In addition to providing direct care, nurse practitioners will be authorized to order ancillary services, including transportation. Please share this information with your transportation staff since they may receive requests for transportation from nurse practitioners.

If you have any questions regarding nurse practitioners and their role in the Medicaid Program, you may contact Beth Brown of my staff at: 1-800-342-3715 extension 35659.

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