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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Transmittal No: 90 LCM-89

Date: June 25, 1990

Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Aid to Localities Budget Bill - Proposed Elimination
of the Catastrophic Illness Program

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Aid to Localities Budget Bill (6653-A, 9053-A) includes a proposal to eliminate catastrophic inpatient care coverage for federally non-participating individuals as a reimbursable service under the Medical Assistance program. The actual elimination, however, is contingent upon the enactment of legislation which would repeal Social Services Law (SSL) 366(2)(c).

Until the elimination of the Catastrophic Illness program is enacted, such cases shall continue to be processed in accordance with Department regulations and directives. Upon enactment of this proposed legislation, a GIS message will be issued with further instructions. It is unclear at this point in time as to when the repeal, if enacted, will be effective. However, due to the anticipated urgency to implement the repeal of SSL 366(2)(c), your immediate assistance in following such instructions will be required.

Please contact Joseph Kudner of my staff at 1-800-342-3715, extension 3-5509, if you have questions regarding this letter.

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