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Division: Family and Children  
Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Updated UR Exceptions Information

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments with this LCM

On January 30, 1990 you were notified via 90-LCM-15 that you were not required to submit adoption and foster care cases to the regional office for Utilization Review (UR) exception review for those cases that were coming due during the January-March quarter. This was done to allow the Department the opportunity to review and redesign the UR exception process. The purpose of this memo is to inform you that the department has not completed this effort. The Department is hereby notifying you that it is extending this temporary exemption from the submission of requests for UR exceptions for the immediate future pending further study.

The Department is committed to a thorough analysis and reconsideration of a review process that will meet both district and Departmental needs. Consequently, it continues to be in our mutual interest to maintain this moratorium on submission of UR exemption requests until the new methodology has been carefully considered, designed and implemented. As part of this commitment, the Department and NYPWA have formed a small advisory panel which will be working closely with the Department to identify and clarify these mutual needs and interests. In the interim, the Department will continue to meet its statutory responsibility to supervise case practice within local districts by reviewing individual case records on an as-needed basis for necessity and appropriateness of placement, diligence, and progress towards the stated permanency goal.

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The Department will work closely with the advisory panel towards a single review/monitoring/audit methodology which will provide the basis for appropriate technical assistance and program monitoring of local districts and voluntary agencies. You will be notified when a new review system has been implemented.

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