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Date: April 30, 1991

Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Utilization Thresholds (UT) Report

ATTACHMENTS: Names and IDs of individuals who would have exceeded
UT limits for the period March, 1990 through
February, 1991 as of file date 2/91 (attachment not
available on-line)

As requested at the March NYPWA Medical Assistance Committee meeting, enclosed is a report which lists the recipients in your county who would have exceeded one or more of the Utilization Thresholds for Home Relief recipients had the UT program been in place for the period March 1990 through February 1991.

Data for this report was obtained from the SURS On-Line System and includes claims paid through the end of February 1991 for services rendered during the period of 3/90-2/91. Claim lag, the time between the delivery of a service and the payment for that service by the MMIS, is a consideration in this report. The data presented are undercounts because the later months of service have not been "lagged".

The construct for clinic/physician visits is physician office visits plus all clinic visits less Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program clinic visits less psychiatric visits less emergency room visits. Again, this is an undercount, in that emergency room visits are included in UT's.

I hope you find this information useful. Please call Jim Donnelly at (518) 473-5602 if you have any questions.

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