TO:       Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: CHILD HEALTH PLUS: Low-cost health insurance

ATTACHMENTS: CHILD HEALTH PLUS brochure (not available on-line)

The New York State Department of Health prepared the attached brochure on the CHILD HEALTH PLUS program. This program provides low-cost primary care health insurance to children under age 13 who are not receiving Medical Assistance. The brochure details the program's eligibility requirements, benefit package, participating insurers and phone numbers.

The New York State Department of Health hotline numbers, which are listed in the brochure, for CHILD HEALTH PLUS and other health-related programs are:

Rest of State         1-800-522-5006

New York City         (212) 230-1111 or (718) 230-1111

The State Department of Social Services will send each local district an initial supply of this brochure. Thereafter, they will be available from the Department's Forms and Publications Unit by completing the DSS 876.

Administrative Directive 91 ADM-18 and 91 LCM-136 give information on the relationship between Medicaid and the CHILD HEALTH PLUS program. If there are questions, please call Mr. John Harwick at 1-800-342-3715, extension 35878.

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