This is a follow up to Local Commissioner Memorandum 93-LCM-9 which dealt with Utilization Thresholds and ICF/DD recipients. The LCM gave directions on when and how to add and terminate Recipient Exception Code 38 for people who show up on the monthly Exception Code 38 Error Report.

It has come to our attention that some people who are showing up on the Report as "no active principal provider record" (a reason to terminate their exception code 38 status) do in fact have principal provider records. It has been determined that the reason for these errors is due to the fact that upstate WMS processing has Principal Provider Code in two locations, one on the subsystem and one on the workbook screen five. There is no cross-editing between the two fields. If they do not match, there are inconsistencies.

While there is a project in planning to do away with the field on screen five, we are asking that before you delete any recipients that appear on the Exception Code 38 Report as a "no active Principal Provider Record" you first check the principal provider record and verify that in fact the person is no longer in an ICF/DD. If the person does have a PP record, with a Principal provider ID, please do not delete the code 38 status.

Please direct any questions on this to Jim Donnelly or Bill Tierney at (518) 486-7481.

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