TO:       Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Local Social Services District Foster Boarding Home Payments

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Foster Boarding Home Rate Schedule (Available on-line)

Department of Social Services Regulation 427.6(a) requires social services districts to establish a schedule of rates paid to foster family boarding homes for normal, special and exceptional foster care services and clothing replacement. Districts must annually submit this schedule to the Department. This regulation is referenced in the Program Manual Standards of Payment for Foster Care of Children, Chapter VIII, Section A, Page 1.

Please complete one copy of the attached Foster Boarding Home Rate Schedule and return it within two weeks to:

New York State Department of Social Services
Bureau of Resource Management
11th Floor, Section A
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York  12243

Attention: James Smith

If you have any questions, please call James Smith at 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9420 or User ID # 89D001.

Frank Puig
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Services & Community Development
ATTACHMENT A -

FOSTER BOARDING HOME RATE SCHEDULE

Please provide the following information:

1. **District**: _______________________________________________________

2. **Monthly Payments to Foster Parents**:
   
   List the current monthly payments to foster parents who care for the categories of children indicated below.

   **Normal**: Ages 0 - 5
   
   6 - 11
   
   12 and over
   
   Special level of care
   
   Exceptional level of care

   **Monthly Payments to Foster Parents**: $__________

3. **Annual Allowances for Clothing Replacement**:
   
   **Ages**
   
   0 - 5
   
   6 - 11
   
   12 - 15
   
   16 and over

   **Annual Allowances for Clothing Replacement**: $__________

4. **Monthly Diaper Allowance**:
   
   **Ages**
   
   0 - 3

   **Monthly Diaper Allowance**: $__________

5. **Day Care and Babysitting**:
   
   If your district allows special payments to foster parents for day care and babysitting, please provide the following:

   a) The average monthly payment to foster parents for day care/babysitting. $__________

   b) The average number of payments made each month. _________
6. **Finder's Fee for New Foster Homes:**

   If your district pays a finder's fee to certified or approved foster parents who recruit new foster parents, please provide the following:

   a) The amount of the fee: $__________

   b) The average number of payments made each month: __________

7. **The Effective Dates of the Foster Boarding Home Rates:**

   From Month/Year _____________ to Month/Year ____________

   If these rates are changed before the next reporting date in January 1994, please notify the Department of the amounts of the revised rates and new effective dates.

8. **Variable Rates for Special and Exceptional Services:**

   Some social services districts pay more than one rate for special or exceptional foster care services. Districts have reported rates based on such variables as the child's age or type and severity of condition.

   If you reported ranges of special and exceptional rates on page 1, does your district have written guidelines for determining the amounts of the payments? If so, please attach a copy of the guidelines.

9. **Name, Title and Telephone Number of the Person Who Completed This Schedule:**

   Name: __________________________________________

   Title: __________________________________________

   Telephone: (____ ) ________________________________