The attached brochure was developed in response to a need expressed by local commissioners' during regional meetings over the course of the last year for an informational brochure on the costs of social services programs. The information is based on 1991 costs and caseloads (the last complete year of data), and provides a basic understanding of the cost of the complex array of services which operate under the aegis of the Departments of Social Services.

It is my hope that you find this material a useful tool as the work we do continues to come under public scrutiny. The Office of Field Operations' Regional offices will have additional copies of the brochure available should you wish to share this information with county legislators, community groups or other interested individuals.

This is the second in the series. The first brochure was titled "Twenty Frequently Asked Questions About New York State's Social Services Program".

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or have suggestions for other informational brochures, please contact Patricia O'Neill (Oco060) at 518 474-4152.

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