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ATTACHMENT I

Were you unable to get Medicaid at any time from September 12, 1997, to August 5, 2004 because of your immigration status? If you can answer “YES” to this question, you may benefit from a lawsuit called Aliessa/Adamolekun v. Novello.

Because of this lawsuit, the Medicaid office cannot deny you Medicaid if you are an immigrant who is either a lawful permanent resident (Green Card holder) or “permanently residing in the United States under color of law” (“PRUCOL”). You must still meet the Medicaid income and resources rules to get Medicaid. Lawful permanent resident and PRUCOL immigrants may also be eligible for Family Health Plus or Child Health Plus A if they meet all other eligibility rules.

If you qualify for benefits under the lawsuit, Medicaid can pay you back for certain doctors’ and other medical bills for care you received from September 12, 1997, to August 5, 2004. Medicaid can also pay certain doctors’ and other medical bills that have not yet been paid for care you received during this period.

The Medicaid office will decide whether you are eligible. Fill out the enclosed form and send it back to your local Medicaid office. A list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of local Medicaid offices is enclosed. Include a copy of each of your old doctors’ and other medical bills for care you got from September 12, 1997, to August 5, 2004. If you or someone else paid these bills, include proof that the bills were paid. Please also include a copy of each of your old medical bills that you did not pay. The Medicaid office will probably ask you questions about your immigration status and your income and resources at the time you got this medical care.

Contact the Medicaid office as soon as possible. It must receive your request for payment of old medical bills or reimbursement as soon as possible and **before** August 5, 2005.

Any Questions? If you have questions, please call the Legal Aid Society at (212) 577- 3575 or toll free at 1-888-500-2455; the New York Legal Assistance Group at (212) 613-5001; or the Greater Upstate Law Project, toll free at 1-800-724-0490.