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TO: Local District Commissioners

Care At Home Coordinators

FROM: Betty Rice, Director

Division of Consumer and Local District Relations

SUBJECT: Establishing a New Medicaid Model Waiver Program, Care At Home VI

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: Colleen Maloney (518) 473-5339

The purpose of this GIS is to notify the local departments of social services (LDSS) that the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) approved the Department's request for an additional 100 waiver slots for developmentally disabled children.

The new waiver, Care At Home (CAH) VI, is effective March 1, 2000. This waiver will be operated by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) in conjunction with the State Department of Health (SDOH). Locally the program will be administered by the OMRDD Developmental Disabilities Services Offices (DDSO).

Medicaid ineligibility/eligibility and processing of disability determinations for children who apply for enrollment in CAH VI will continue to be the responsibility of the LDSS and will be coordinated by the LDSS CAH coordinator. The LDSS CAH coordinator will continue to receive written notification from SDOH and OMRDD of a child's enrollment in CAH VI.

CAH VI is similar to the current CAH III and IV programs; however, there is no requirement to apply for admission to an out-of-home residential situation. The monthly Medicaid waiver expenditure for a child in CAH VI can not exceed \$9000/month.

As with CAH III and IV, there is no local district financial participation in the cost of Medicaid services provided to children in CAH VI.

To assure HCFA that New York State will serve no more than 100 individuals in the waiver, the SDOH will identify all children in CAH VI by Recipient/Exception (R/E) code 67. The LDSS will be responsible for adding the R/E code to the child's WMS file. For CAH case management and nursing claims to be reimbursed, the correct R/E code must be on the recipient's file with the correct effective date. The begin date for R/E code 67 should not precede March 1, 2000.

CAH VI is available to children who meet ALL of the following criteria:

1. are under the age of eighteen years;
2. have a developmental disability as defined in New York State Mental Hygiene Law, Section 1.03, Subdivision 22;
3. demonstrate complex health care needs that are expected to continue for at least 12 months;
4. are eligible for the level of care provided by an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities;
5. are assessed as qualified to receive care in the community if provided with case management, respite, and assistive technology, as determined necessary;
6. are ineligible for Medicaid in the community because the income and resources of responsible relatives would be deemed available to them, and
7. are able to be cared for at less cost in the community than in an ICF/DD.

If you would like more information on CAH VI, you may also call Susan Grasso, OMRDD, at (518) 474-5647.