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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Uniform Assessment System for New York (UAS-NY) – Computer
Readiness Survey

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to notify you that the Office of Long Term Care is conducting a computer readiness survey in conjunction with its efforts to create an electronic Uniform Assessment System for Medicaid Long Term Home and Community Based Programs in New York State. For information about the UAS-NY project, see:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/facilities/long_term_care/uniform_assessment_system/

Local district participation in the project, and use of the new system when implemented, are important components of the project and will directly contribute to the project's success. The project will include beta, pilot implementation, and an organized state-wide implementation.

Beta is the period of time when a selection of users will access and use the system, and will provide the Department of Health (DOH) with feedback on their experience. Assessment data will be used for beta purposes only. Pilot is a mini-implementation within a subset of the total population; pilot will be live and will involve live data that will be used for program purposes. Participation in these activities will improve the system.

The first step in preparing for the beta and pilot activities is a review of computer readiness of users. The results of the computer readiness survey will help the DOH identify beta and pilot participation candidates.

There are two attachments to this message which are attached to the e-mail copy of this GIS announcement. Attachment 1 provides instruction on completing the survey; Attachment 2 is the Computer Readiness survey.

Thank you for completing and returning the survey by June 3, 2011. Your input is greatly appreciated as the DOH moves forward with these efforts. When you have completed the survey, please send it to UASNY@health.state.ny.us.