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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Local Social Services Districts Designated to Develop
Managed Care Plans in 1991

ATTACHMENTS: None

Chapter 165 of the Laws of 1991 requires the Department to designate, based on certain selection criteria, twenty (20) social services districts to develop managed care plans in 1991. The following districts have been selected to develop and submit managed care plans in 1991:

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| Chemung | Niagara |
| Columbia | Oneida |
| Cortland | Onondaga |
| Dutchess | Orange |
| Erie | Putnam |
| Greene | Rockland |
| Herkimer | Suffolk |
| Monroe | Ulster |
| Nassau | Warren |
| New York City | Washington |

During the selection process, the Department used both the criteria required by the Statewide Managed Care Act (Chapter 165 of the Laws of 1991) and other criteria relating to provider availability, geographic accessibility, implementation potential and cost effectiveness to prioritize districts.

The following methodology was used to prioritize districts:

1. Two data sources were used: a) 1990 U.S. Census county statistics and b) the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) On-line Annual File for Federal Fiscal Year 1990.
2. Data obtained from these sources for all counties in New York State were converted to measurable units: a) percentage of county population receiving Medicaid; b) percentage of Medicaid eligibles in managed care; c) number of physician visits per eligible month; d) number of clinic visits per eligible month; e) number of emergency room visits per eligible month; f) number of hospital admissions per eligible month, and g) inpatient length of stay per eligible month.

In addition, a value was assigned (by county) to the non-mandated criteria, based on known provider resources and networks, local district characteristics, and MA expenditure patterns.

3. A weighting scheme was developed to compute a possible score for each of the criteria.
4. The scores for each criterion were computed, and a total score for each county was calculated.
5. Counties were then priority ranked by total score.
6. The highest ranked counties, listed previously, were designated to submit managed care plans in the first year.

Any district which has not been designated but wishes to participate in the Managed Care Program is encouraged to develop and submit a managed care plan. In the second program year, which begins in October 1992, twenty (20) additional districts will be designated according to the selection criteria outlined above. The remaining districts will be designated in October 1993.

Any questions regarding the above should be directed to Robert Lass at 1-800-342-3715, extension 3-5563.

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