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Division: Commissioner's
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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Tuberculosis

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 "Tuberculosis; Get The Facts"
(Not Available On Line)
Attachment 2 "TB Fact Sheet"
(Not Available On Line)
Attachment 3 Tuberculosis Control Program Order Form
(Not Available On Line)
Attachment 4 NYS Department of Health - Tuberculosis
(Not Available on Line)

In recent months, there has been an alarming increase in the number of reported cases of Tuberculosis (TB). After a thirty year decline, TB is again on the rise and is rapidly becoming a major public health concern with which social service districts should be familiar.

TB is contagious and is spread through the air (coughing, sneezing, etc.). Although anyone can contract the disease, certain groups have been found to be at higher risk of TB infection including the poor, the homeless, nursing and adult home residents, persons from foreign countries with a high incidence of TB, prison inmates, drug/substance abusers, and persons with HIV. Local staff working with these populations should be advised of the symptoms of TB, the availability of testing, and steps that can be taken to minimize the further spread of the disease.

Further information regarding TB control, including additional copies of the material attached, is available from your local health department or from the New York State Department of Health TB Control Program (518) 474-4845.

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As further materials and information on TB becomes available to the Department it will be shared with you. Should you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Julie Elson in the Division of Medical Assistance at 1 -800 342-3715, extension 3-5492.

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