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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Transmittal No: 93 LCM-113

Date: September 1, 1993

Division: Health and Long Term
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Patient Managed Home Care Programs

ATTACHMENTS: Patient Managed Home Care Guidelines (Not available on-
line)

Pursuant to Chapter 795 of the Laws of 1992, the Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, has issued guidelines (attached) for the direct establishment of patient managed home care programs by home care providers. Programs may be established by a certified home health agency, a licensed home care agency, a long term home health care program, or an AIDS home care program. Social services district participation is required for approval of any proposed project.

The purpose of patient managed home care is to allow chronically ill and/or physically disabled individuals receiving home care services under the medical assistance program greater flexibility and freedom of choice in obtaining such services while reducing administrative costs. The statute permits persons participating in the demonstration projects to arrange and pay for their own home care through a specifically designated payment system.

Individuals eligible to participate in the patient managed home care program must:

1. be eligible for medical assistance; and

2. be eligible for personal care services, or long term home health care program services, or AIDS home care program services, or services provided by certified home health agencies, including nursing services and home health aide services; and
3. be in need of personal care services, or long term home health care program services, or AIDS home care program services, or services provided by certified home health agencies including nursing services and home health aide services, as determined by an assessment; and
4. be able and willing to make informed choices about the type and quality of home care services to be provided; or
5. have a legal guardian able and willing to make such choices; or
6. have designated a relative or other adult who is able and willing to assist in making such choices.

The Department of Health, in cooperation with this Department, has scheduled a series of informational meetings to discuss and explain the program guidelines. The meetings will be held as follows:

Rochester, NY

Date: September 8, 1993

Time: 10:30 - 1:00

Location: Monroe County Office for Aging
Auditorium
375 Westfall Road
Rochester, NY

Mineola, NY

Date: September 10, 1993

Time: 12:00 - 2:30

Location: Nassau County Department of Social Services
Auditorium
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY

Albany, NY

Date: September 13, 1993

Time: 1:00 - 3:30

Location: State Capital Building
Room 124
Albany, NY

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I hope you will consider participation in this program. If you plan on attending one of these sessions or have any questions concerning this transmittal, please contact Mr. Richard Alexander of my staff at 1-800-342-3715, extension 3-5506, (User ID DMA037) or directly at (518) 473-5506, or Mr. Fred Waite at extension 3-5490, or directly at (518) 473-5490 (User ID 0LT150). Questions concerning the guidelines should be directed to Ms. Judi Mooney, New York State Department of Health, at (518) 473-2878.

Sue Kelly
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Health & Long Term Care