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Division: Health and Long Term
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Assisted Living Program (ALP) Rates and Rate Codes

ATTACHMENTS: 1995 ALP Rate Schedule (available on-line)

The purpose of this memorandum is to distribute the attached 1995 rates and rate codes to be used in the prior authorization of the Medicaid (MA) funded home care services component of the Assisted Living Program (ALP). All reimbursement for 1995 will be retroactive and automatically generated to the ALP.

Districts were sent 94 ADM-9, The Assisted Living Program, in June of 1994 which described the ALP and identified the role of the social services district in the provision of MA funded home care services to eligible ALP residents. The home care services which are covered under the daily MA home care rate and for which no additional separate billing may occur include: nursing services; personal care; home health aides; speech, occupational and physical therapy; medical supplies for which no prior approval is required; personal emergency response services (PERS), and; Department of Health approved adult day health care.

The district fiscally responsible for the MA eligible ALP resident will continue to be responsible for completing the home care services prior authorization. The information needed to complete the DSS-2032, NYS Medical Assistance (Title XIX) Program Order/Prior Approval Request -Personal Care, is contained in Attachment A. Page 1 of Attachment A contains a list of the counties included in each of the sixteen (16) regions; pages 2 and 3 contain the daily MA home care services reimbursement amount associated with each of the various RUGS categories, by region, and; page 4 contains the RUG categories, abbreviations and rate codes.

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Districts will continue to use the personal care services prior approval numbers provided to the districts by the Department when prior authorizing home care services for ALP residents. Districts also have the option of requesting a discrete block of prior approval numbers be issued to them for ALP prior authorizations. To obtain a discrete block of prior approval numbers or for additional ALP prior authorization number information, please contact Larry Miller at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 4-5602, or directly at (518) 474-5602.

Any questions related to rates should be directed to Dick Mazzaferro at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 3-5845, or directly at (518) 473-5845. General ALP questions may be directed to Margaret O. Willard at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 3-5569, or directly at (518) 473-5569.

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