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Division: Medical Assistance

TO: **Local District Commissioners**

SUBJECT: Utilization Threshold Program Changes

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

The Utilization Threshold Program is being modified in accordance with Chapter 41 of the Laws of 1992 and Departmental experience with the Program to date. The Program changes and implementation dates are as follows:

1. Effective July 1, 1992, the Utilization Threshold limit for physician and medical clinic services provided to Home Relief recipients 21 through 64 years of age who are not certified blind or disabled, or not a single caretaker of a child under age 18, will change from 14 to 10 visits per benefit year. For all other Medicaid recipients, this utilization threshold limit will remain at 14 visits per benefit year.

2. Effective July 1, 1992 the Utilization Threshold limit for pharmacy benefits provided to Home Relief recipients 21 through 64 years of age who are not certified blind or disabled, or not a single caretaker of a child under age 18, will change from 43 items to 28 per benefit year.

3. Effective September 1, 1992, the Utilization Threshold limit for pharmacy benefits provided to Medicaid recipients who are under age 21, age 65 or older, certified blind or disabled, or a single caretaker of a child under age 18, will change from 60 items to 40 items per benefit year.

4. Effective September 1, 1992, mental health clinic services and physician psychiatric services provided to Home Relief recipients 21 through 64 years of age who are not certified blind or disabled, or not a single caretaker of a child under 18, will change from no limits to a limit of 40 visits per benefit year. For all other Medicaid recipients, such services will continue to be exempt from the Utilization Threshold Program.

5. Effective September 1, 1992, services provided to all Medicaid recipients by or under the direction of a primary provider under the Recipient Restriction Program will no longer be exempt from the Utilization Threshold Program.

Medicaid recipients as well as providers have been notified in writing of these Utilization Threshold Program changes. Should you have any questions regarding these Program changes, please contact the Utilization Threshold Program Unit at 1-800-342-3715 extension 4-7442 or (518) 474-7442.

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