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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Health & Long Term
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: WIC/Medicaid Coordination

ATTACHMENTS: Listing of Local WIC Agencies

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of recent efforts by this Department to coordinate with the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and to encourage you to provide support and cooperation to coordination efforts at the local level.

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) regulations 42 CFR Part 431 require coordination between WIC and Medicaid. These regulations specifically require State Medicaid agencies to provide timely written notice of the availability of WIC benefits to the following individuals who are determined to be eligible (including presumptively eligible) for Medicaid:

- pregnant women;
- postpartum women;
- breastfeeding women;
- infants and
- children under the age of five (5).

The client books, "What You Should Know About Social Service Programs" (DSS-4148b and 4148c) are being revised and will include information on WIC, and the Child Teen Health Plan (C/THP) annual informing letter now also provides information on WIC. C/THP coordinators should contact the local WIC agency(ies) within your district to establish a referral mechanism and to obtain WIC materials for distribution to the target population. A listing of local WIC agencies is attached.

A WIC/Medicaid linkage project is currently being conducted by the Nutrition Consortium of New York State and is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 1993. The following counties will be included in this outreach project: Rockland, Queens, Nassau, Putnam, Suffolk, Dutchess, Columbia, and Westchester. District personnel in these counties may expect to be contacted by a project staff person for the purpose of establishing referral mechanisms and other linkages. Information gained in this project will be used to strengthen the link between WIC and Medicaid throughout the State. Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Susan Brownell 1-800-342-4100, extension 3-5610.

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