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Date: February 7, 1994

Division: Health & Long
Term Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Increases to Select Fees for Office-Based Mental Health
Services

ATTACHMENTS: Revised Fee Schedule for Office-Based Mental Health
Services
(Available On-Line)

The Department of Social Services is pleased to announce approval by the Division of the Budget for increases to select fees for office-based mental health services. Practitioner fees for certain diagnostic and therapeutic mental health services have been increased in order to improve access to necessary office-based mental health services.

These increases have been developed, in part, to reduce reliance upon facility-based care as well as to enhance appropriate access by Medicaid recipients to psychologists and psychiatrists, and certified social workers in the employ of psychiatrists. As a result of this fee increase, the Department anticipates greater participation by qualified office-based mental health practitioners.

The new fee schedule, identified on the attached list, is effective January 1, 1994. Notices are being sent to currently enrolled practitioners. The Department is also informing appropriate professional associations with the intent of attracting additional practitioners, particularly in underserved areas.

If you have any questions concerning the increased office-based mental health fees, please contact Harry Kornblau, Division of Health & Long Term Care, 1-800-342-3009 extension 35884, User ID OMB150.

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