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Date: August 23, 1991

Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Expansion of the Utilization Threshold Program to all

Medicaid eligible recipients.

ATTACHMENTS: Medicaid Utilization Thresholds Fact Sheet

(not available on-line)

The Utilization Threshold Program, which has been limited to adult Home Relief recipients since the Program's inception on March 1, 1991, is being expanded to include all Medicaid recipients. The effective date of the expanded Utilization Threshold Program is September 15, 1991, and the Department will issue an Administrative Directive providing additional details concerning this change.

Local districts should continue to provide Home Relief recipients aged 21 through 64 years with timely notice including the current fact sheet (DSS-4277) explaining the Utilization Threshold Program and the appropriate revised notice letter until September 14, 1991. These should be provided to all new HR recipients, HR recipients turning 21 and any other recipients who, due to a change in circumstances, move into a Home Relief category. Effective upon receipt of this memorandum, all MA recipients other than adult Home Relief recipients should be provided with the attached fact sheet. Effective September 15, 1991, the attached fact sheet should be provided to all Medicaid recipients regardless of age or aid category.

As a result of this Program expansion on September 15, 1991, the videotape explaining the program to recipients (as indicated in 91 LCM-127) must be modified to reflect this expansion, thus causing a delay in the distribution schedule. We now anticipate these materials will be distributed prior to the Program expansion. The videotape targeted to district staff will be distributed soon. Any questions or comments regarding these materials should be directed to:

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