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Dear MA Directors & WMS Coordinators:

Effective in July 2008, the following change will be supported on WMS to assure that the State of New York is in compliance with the court stipulation in Luberto v. Daines. In settling this lawsuit, New York State has agreed to transition an individual's Medicaid coverage from one district to another when the individual informs the district of a relocation.

As explained in the Dear Coordinator Letter dated April 30, 2008, cases transferring from NYC to an Upstate district that contain an Alien Number on the NYC case, will be listed on the Case Control Transfer Report as NOT PROCESSED. Such cases cannot be systematically opened due to the fact that the field size for Alien Number is different in the Upstate and NYC WMS. Upstate districts were advised to manually process the opening of such cases. In most instances, dropping the leading ALHPA character that is received from the NYC case will meet the Upstate field size requirement.

Beginning with the July Case Control Transfer Report (WINR4648), the Date of Status (DOS) and Date Entered Country (DEC) for cases being transferred from NYC to an Upstate County will be provided if the case is listed as "NOT PROCESSED" due to an Invalid Alien Number. This information will assist the Upstate district when doing the manual opening transaction for these cases. Districts should be aware that

the size of the DOS and DEC fields on NYC WMS is different from the Upstate WMS field size. As a result, the DOS format from the NYC case will be MM/DD/YYYY. The worker will need to make appropriate adjustments to meet Upstate field requirements of MM/YY. Similarly, the DEC received from NYC will be MM/DD/YYYY. Workers will need to make adjustments to meet the Upstate requirement of MM/DD/YY. If the DEC field is BLANK on the WINR4648, the Upstate district should use the DOS to fill the DEC, in the MM/DD/YY format. For further information relating to WMS fields pertaining to aliens, workers should refer to GIS message, 08 MA/014, "Date of Status (DOS)/Date Entered Country (DEC)".

For systems related questions regarding Luberto/County Transfers, please contact Maria MacLasco at (518)408-0001. Policy related questions should be directed to the OHIP LDSS Support Representative at (518) 474-8887.

Sincerely,

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