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LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

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Division: Office of Medicaid
Management

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Assisted Living Program(ALP)

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this Local Commissioner's Memorandum is to inform local social services districts that legislation was signed by Governor George Pataki on December 8, 2000 which eliminates the requirement that residents in Assisted Living Programs (ALPs) be reassessed within 45 days after admission. Chapter 569 of the Laws of 2000 amends Social Services Law Section 461-1(2)(d)(iii) to eliminate the requirement for reassessment no later than 45 days after a resident is admitted to an ALP.

Medicaid recipients must now be assessed for appropriateness to participate in the ALP as frequently as required to respond to changes in their medical conditions but no less frequently than every 6 months in accordance with the guidelines discussed in 92 ADM-9, The Assisted Living Program(ALP). Prior authorization for ALP services should also reflect this change.

Should you require additional clarification on assessment requirements for ALP residents, please contact Stuart Feuerstein in the Department of Health, Office of Continuing Care at 518-478-1020.

This change is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kuhmerker
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Medicaid Management