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Division: Office of Long Term Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2009 Amending Social Services Law
(SSL) 365-f Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program
(CDPAP)

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment I - CDPAP Implementation Plan
Attachment II - CDPAP Comparison Chart

On April 3, 2009 Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2009 was enacted which amended Social Service Law (SSL) 365-f governing the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). The amendment language requires that:

- Eligible individuals receiving home care must be provided notice of program availability and at a minimum, annually thereafter;
- Beginning on June 30th, 2009 each social services district must submit a CDPAP implementation plan to the Department of Health for approval. Such plan must be submitted no later than November 30, 2009 and updated annually no later than November 30th of each successive year. The plan, approved by the Department, must include: CDPAP enrollment targets, a description of the methods for the provision of notice and assistance to interested individuals eligible for enrollment in CDPAP; and, any other information required by the Department.

The statute also requires the Department to regularly monitor district participation in the program by reviewing annually submitted plans. The Department must also provide guidance to local social services districts on how to improve compliance with implementation plans, and to promote consistency among counties regarding approved service levels.

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Attached is a CDPAP Implementation Plan for completion and submission to the Department by November 30, 2009. An electronic copy of the form is available at <http://health.state.ny.net/docs/cdpap/cdpapplan.pdf>. Districts may submit their completed CDPAP Implementation Plan electronically at lak03@health.state.ny.us or by hard copy to:

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To assist in completion of your district's CDPAP Implementation Plan, attached is a chart identifying the number of unduplicated CDPAP participants in each county for Calendar Years 2007 and 2008. The chart also provides the percentage of increase or decrease in CDPAP participation during this timeframe. Please note that any CDPAP materials developed or utilized by a district must be submitted for Department review and approval with the district's CDPAP Implementation Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or its attachments, you may contact Ms. Galusha at (518) 474-5271.



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