

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Internet Update of the Medicaid Disability Manual

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This GIS message is to inform local districts that the Medicaid Disability Manual, first posted on the Department of Health (DOH) web site in April 2005, has been updated and will continue to be updated twice each year in the months of January and July. The updated manual contains changes to the Official Policy section and to Appendices 1 and 2, the Listing of Impairments for Adults and Children.

Official policy changes include the 2005 threshold amount for a Trial Work Period (\$590) and the Substantial Gainful Activity level (\$830). The revised Listing of Impairments includes changes to the following four body system sections: Hematologic Disorders, Skin Disorders, Neurological and Malignant Neoplastic Diseases. The updated Medicaid Disability Manual may be accessed on the DOH web site at:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/reference/index.htm

As we progressively move to electronic dissemination of information to ensure that the most up to date information is available, the online manual provides local districts with more current information than the hard copy method of distribution. Local district workers are encouraged to access the online manual rather than relying on the print version, which may be out of date.

If a paper copy of the manual is desired, it is recommended that districts print the updated pages of the manual from the DOH web site and add the pages to the existing manual. For local districts without print capability, a paper copy of the updated sections may be obtained from the DOH by calling Caitlin Weishaupt at (518) 473-5330.

If you have questions regarding the updated Medicaid Disability Manual, please contact Peggy Williams at (518) 473-0891.