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Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors TO:

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Notice Changes Concerning Long-Term Care Eligibility

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts of recent updates to a number of Client Notice System (CNS) and manual notices, as a result of changes in long-term care eligibility.

The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 made numerous changes in the Medicaid transfer of assets provisions. As a result of these changes, it is necessary to add two new reason codes to CNS. The following CNS reason codes are used to inform a recipient of a change in coverage from All Covered Care and Services to Community Coverage with Community-Based Long-Term Care, when the individual is no longer institutionalized:

Reason Code C33 "All Covered Care and Services to Community Coverage with Community-Based Long-Term Care, No Longer Institutionalized, Spenddown"; and

Reason Code S12 "All Covered Care and Services to Community Coverage with Community-Based Long-Term Care, No Longer Institutionalized, Spenddown Not Met".

Also, as a result of these changes, the following manual and CNS notices are no longer available:

## Manual Notices

LDSS-4306 "Notice of Acceptance for Medical Assistance with Limited Coverage (Spousal Refusal - Community Cases)";

LDSS-4368 "Notice of Intent to Change Your Medical Assistance Coverage (SSI Recipient - Transfer of Resources)";

LDSS-4146 "Notice of Decision on Your Medical Assistance Application (Transfer of Resources)"; and

LDSS-4528 "Notice of Change in Limited Coverage Period for an Institutionalized Person".

## CNS Notices - Upstate

Reason Code S05 "Change Transfer Penalty, Institutionalized Individual"; and

Reason Code S85 "Accept Community Coverage with Community-Based Long-Term Care, Failure to Verify".

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New York City changes will be provided under separate cover.

Districts should contact their local district liaison if they have questions regarding any of the changes.