

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities
(MBI-WPD) Monthly Report

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to notify Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) that it is no longer necessary to submit the Medicaid Buy-In program for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) monthly report. The January 2009 report covering December 2008 MBI-WPD information is the last report required of the districts.

The monthly MBI-WPD report has been used to track MBI-WPD recipients' disability type, job title and any grace period information. Although the Department is no longer requiring this information, districts are directed to continue to store the information in the recipient's case record in the event the information is required in the future.

Grace period information must continue to be tracked by the district. This may be accomplished by the use of a tickler file or database to insure that recipients do not exceed the limit of six months in a twelve-month period. Districts are reminded that the twelve-month period starts on the first day of the first requested grace period, not the first day of the month of the grace period.

Please direct any questions to the Local District Support Unit at 518-474-8887 Upstate and 212-417-4500 for NYC.