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TO: Commissioners of Social Services
 Directors of Foster Care and Preventive Services Agencies

DIVISION: Family and Children Services

DATE: November 13, 1990

SUBJECT: Preventive Services Housing Services: Extension of Sunset Date

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Directors of Services
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ATTACHMENTS: Chapter 278, Laws of 1990; not available on-line.

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
90 ADM-19		423.2(b)(16)	409-a(5)(c) Ch. 278, L. 1990		

The purpose of this informational letter is to advise social services districts and foster care and preventive services agencies of the provisions of Chapter 278 of the Laws of 1990. This chapter extends, until March 31, 1993 the sunset (expiration) date for statutory provisions regarding the preventive housing services to facilitate returning children home from foster care. Housing services include rent subsidy, rent arrears and other assistance necessary to obtain adequate housing.

Chapter 542 of the Laws of 1988 established the preventive services housing subsidy program in Social Services Law Section 409-a(5). This statute requires that local districts provide a housing subsidy as a preventive service whenever a social services official determines that a lack of adequate housing is the primary factor preventing the discharge of a child or children from foster care. Chapter 542 also included in its provisions that the law would be in effect for two years, after which the law would be deemed repealed. Chapter 542 of the Laws of 1990 became effective on August 11, 1988 and the law on preventive services housing subsidy would have expired on August 11, 1990.

Chapter 278 of the Laws of 1990, however, which became effective on June 26, 1990, has extended the sunset date for the preventive services housing subsidy program until March 31, 1993. (A copy of Chapter 278 is included as an attachment to this release.) Social services districts must continue to provide preventive housing services to eligible services recipients until that time. Regulations applicable to the preventive services housing subsidy program are found in 18 NYCRR 423.2(b)(16). Additional instructions and guidelines for implementation of the program were promulgated in 90 ADM-19 which remains in effect.

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Attachment