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TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services
 and Care at Home
 Coordinators

DIVISION: Medical
 Assistance

DATE: August 2, 1991

SUBJECT: Care at Home III Medicaid Model Waiver for SNF level
 care.

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Local District Care at Home Coordinators

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ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this INF.

FILING REFERENCES

| Previous ADMs/INFs | Releases Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. Ref. |
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| 86 ADM-4 | | | SSL 366.7 | | 89 LCM-106 89 LCM-129 90 LCM-57 |

This is to advise you of a new Medicaid Model Waiver, the OMRDD Care at Home III program (OMRDD CAH III), which may benefit children in your district who have been identified as needing health support services. Effective August 1, 1991, this program will allow two hundred developmentally disabled children with complex health care needs to receive all of the usual Medicaid services available in New York State, and to also receive case management, respite care, medical-social services, respiratory therapy, nutrition counseling and selected home adaptation services determined to be medically necessary.

This program will be operated by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) with technical assistance from the New York State Department of Social Services (NYSOSS). Locally, the program will be administered by the OMRDD Developmental Disabilities Service Offices (DDSO). Medicaid eligibility/ineligibility and processing of disability determinations continues to be the responsibility of LDSS and will continue to be coordinated by the LDSS Care at Home coordinators.

OMRDD CAH III is similar to the current CAH I AND II Medicaid Model Waiver Programs operated by NYOSS, however there is no institutional stay requirement and there will be no local department of social services Medicaid dollars used to pay for services to children in the OMRDD Care at Home III Program.

This program is available to children who meet all of the following criteria:

1. are under eighteen years of age;
2. have a developmental disability;
3. demonstrate complex health care needs, i.e., require medical therapies that are designed to replace or compensate for a vital body function or avert immediate threat to life with reliance on medical devices, nursing care, monitoring, or prescribed medical therapy for the maintenance of life expected to continue for more than twelve months;
4. are eligible for the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR);
5. are capable of being cared for in the community if provided with case management services, respite care, medical-social services, nutrition counseling, respiratory therapy, or home adaptations.
6. are ineligible for Medicaid in the community because the income and resources of responsible relatives would be deemed available to them;
7. are capable of being cared for in the community at no more cost than in the appropriate institutional setting.

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It is anticipated that DDSO Care at Home program coordinators will complete their training for the program by July 9, 1991. A list of the DDSO Care at Home Program Coordinators for each region is attached. You may wish to refer families of children who may meet the above criteria.

If you would like more information, you may also call Kathleen Keating or Theresa O'Connor at the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities at (518) 473-6062.

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