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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies

ATTACHMENTS: None

Due to the interpretation by some insurance carriers of the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA 1990) regarding Medicare Supplement Insurance Coverage, there have been instances of Medicaid recipients being denied this coverage by insurance companies.

The Department is working with the carriers as well as the NYS Insurance Department in order to resolve this matter.

If any recipients in your district have previously been denied Medicare Supplement coverage based upon eligibility for Medicaid, you should advise them to reapply if you have determined that the coverage is cost effective.

In the future, any denials that you become aware of based upon Medicaid eligibility should be forwarded to:

Bureau of Third Party Resources
PO Box 1935
Albany, New York 12201

If further information or clarification is needed, please call Susan Farrell at 1-800-342-3715 extension 3-5157.

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