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Division: Health & Long
Term Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Utilization Threshold Program Changes

ATTACHMENTS: Utilization Threshold Fact Sheet
Threshold Override Application (Not Available On-Line)

This is to inform you that the Utilization Threshold Program is being modified. The proposed changes and implementation dates are as follows:

1. Effective October 1, 1993, the Utilization Threshold limit for physician and medical clinic services will change from 14 to 10 visits per benefit year. This change is for all Medicaid eligible recipients.
2. Effective August 4, 1993, dental clinic services will be limited to 3 visits per benefit year for all recipients. Services provided in the office of a dentist in private practice are not included in this category.
3. In accordance with Chapter 59 of the Laws of 1993, effective August 1, 1993, mental health clinic services will change from no limits to a limit of 40 visits per benefit year. This new limit will apply to all recipients.

Medicaid recipients as well as providers will be notified in writing of these Utilization Threshold Program changes. Should you have any questions regarding these Program changes, please contact the Utilization Threshold Program Unit at 1-800-342-3715 extension 6-7481 or (518) 486-7481;(OME320).

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