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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Division: Services and  
Community  
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Preventive Services: Use of in-kind and indirect services and non-tax levy funds, including donated funds, for local share for Non-Mandated and Community Preventive Services

ATTACHMENTS: None

This is to advise you that, as of October 19, 1993, districts may use in-kind or indirect services or non tax levy funds, including privately donated funds, to meet any portion or the whole of the local share of the cost for Non-Mandated or Community Preventive Services. This change is the result of the enactment of Chapter 340 of the Laws of 1993 which amends Section 409-b(1) of the Social Services Law. An amendment to 18 NYCRR 423.5(b)(2) and (3) is currently in process. This letter is being provided so that you may act in accord with the revised statute, pending promulgation of the revised regulation.

Previously, a district has been limited to meeting no more than one-half of the district's total annual share of the cost of Non-Mandated or Community Preventive Services with in-kind or indirect services or non-tax levy (including donated) funds. Chapter 340 removes the restriction and allows that the local share "may be met in whole or in part" by such services and funds.

The ability to use donated or contributed services and funds to meet the local share of Non-Mandated and Community Preventive Services can increase the availability of resources and allow you greater flexibility in providing preventive services in your district. It can allow you to establish programs for reaching families at an earlier stage of need than at the point of imminent risk of foster care as in the provision of Mandated Preventive Services. It can also be a means for increasing community participation, for working with a wider range of community agencies, and for providing greater inter-agency cooperation.

I would strongly urge you to consider ways in which you might use this opportunity to increase and improve the provision of preventive services in your district. Please contact your Regional Office as noted below if you would like Department assistance in implementing any additions or changes in your Preventive Services program.

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