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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Division: Services & Community  
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1993 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates (DVSAR) for Domestic  
Violence Residential Programs in New York State

ATTACHMENTS: A: 1993 NYS Domestic Violence Residential Program Rate  
Chart  
B: 1993 Flat Rates for Domestic Violence Programs in NYS

All attachments are on-line

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the 1993 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates (DVSAR) for licensed Domestic Violence (DV) residential programs in New York State. The promulgated rates have been calculated using the approved Domestic Violence rate methodology. Local districts are required to pay these promulgated per diem rates to licensed Domestic Violence residential programs providing residential care to all eligible victims of domestic violence.

This year is the final implementation year for state funding of Domestic Violence residential programs in New York State using the Domestic Violence state aid rate per diem methodology. All domestic violence programs will be assigned the flat rate amounts this year. The exceptions are those programs which negotiated a higher per diem rate with their local district prior to January 1, 1992 and programs which have approved food add-on rates.

Highlights of 1993 DSS Domestic Violence rate methodology are as follows:

- o The 1993 flat rates are based upon staffing requirements mandated by regulations and are intended to ensure fiscal stability of Domestic Violence residential programs.
- o The 1993 DVSAR's do not include a cost of living adjustment (COLA) since this year is the final year of the two year implementation of DV residential per diem rate system.

- o Discreet flat rates for Domestic Violence programs located in New York City and the Rest of State.
- o Discreet flat rates for Domestic Violence Programs/Shelters with bed capacity of 20 or less; Domestic Violence Programs/Shelters with bed capacity of 21 or more; Domestic Violence Safe Dwellings; and Domestic Violence Safe Homes.
- o No rate consultations will be allowed for any program which wishes to exceed the flat rate designated for a particular type of residential program in a specific geographical area. For this year only, DV rate consultations will be allowed only if the promulgated state aid rate is not at the appropriate flat rate level or if a previously approved food add-on was inadvertently omitted or if this year's rate is less than the promulgated 1992 DVSAR.
- o Future (1994) year per diem rate reductions will be equal to any current year program's operational surplus created by excess governmental revenue.
- o New or expanding Domestic Violence residential programs will be allowed funding for start-up expenses if the resident county approves those expenditures. A start-up rate will then be calculated and added to the program's DVSAR.
- o The Food add-on is to be negotiated between the host county and the residential program in the first instance. The Department will revise the DVSAR to include the food add-on when we have been notified. Thereafter, the food add-on will be included until otherwise notified. Notification to the Department can be made by either the program (with documentation from the local district) or directly by the local district. If you previously notified the Bureau of Resource Management of the food add-on agreement, no further notification is required.
- o Funding for Domestic Violence provider billings must follow a funding decision-making hierarchy of EAF, ADC, HR or 50/50 eligibility for each provider billing.
- o When a person is deemed ineligible for public assistance pursuant to 18 NYCRR Section 351.8(a)(2), and has income:
  1. The social services district must determine the person's ability to pay all or part of the costs of emergency shelter, services and care based upon the information the person provided on their public assistance application;
  2. Financial eligibility for services must be based only on the monthly gross income of the applicant and must not include exploration of resources, pursuant to 18 NYCRR Part 404.5(b);

3. The public assistance budgeting rules set forth in 18 NYCRR Part 352 must be used in determining available income to be applied toward the costs.

Attachment B represents the official promulgation of the 1993 Domestic Violence residential programs' mandated state aid rates in New York State.

We suggest that copies of this information be shared with Income Maintenance and Services Staff and Accounting Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Santo Vivona, Bureau of Resource Management at 1-800-342-3715, extension 6-3438 or directly at (518) 486-3438 or User ID AZ1440.

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NEW YORK STATE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL  
1993 FLAT PER DIEMS RATES

A. NEW YORK CITY BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1993 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1993

|                      | <u>20 Beds or Less</u> | <u>21 Beds or More</u> | <u>Food Add-on</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| DV PROGRAMS/SHELTERS | \$75.88                | \$61.54                | \$3.79             |
| DV SAFE DWELLINGS    | 57.82                  | N/A                    | 5.22               |
| DV SAFE HOMES        | 33.44                  | N/A                    | 5.13               |

B. REST OF STATE BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1993 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1993

|                      | <u>20 Beds or Less</u> | <u>21 Beds or More</u> | <u>Food Add-on</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| DV PROGRAMS/SHELTERS | \$65.22                | \$53.98                | \$3.72             |
| DV SAFE DWELLINGS    | 51.04                  | N/A                    | 5.28               |
| DV SAFE HOMES        | 22.75                  | N/A                    | 5.28               |

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF SERVICES  
PER DIEM RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

K E Y

- # - Under Review
- \*\*\* - Fiscal Reports Not Received
- POC - Pending issuance of an operating certificate. No one can be placed in this program until an operating certificate has been issued by Regional Office.
- CODE - Each residential facility has been assigned a facility specific 4-digit code number. The first number identifies the Regional Office responsible for oversight, the second identifies the facility type and the last two is the agency's number.
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|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Metropolitan Regional Office      | = | 1 |
| Albany Regional Office            | = | 2 |
| Syracuse Regional Office          | = | 3 |
| Rochester Regional Office         | = | 4 |
| Buffalo Regional Office           | = | 5 |
|                                   |   |   |
| Domestic Violence Program/Shelter | = | 1 |
| Safe Dwelling                     | = | 2 |
| Safe Home                         | = | 3 |