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Date: September 30, 1996

Division: H&LTC

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Transfer of State Disability Review Team Functions to the  
Office of Disability Determinations

ATTACHMENTS: None

In accordance with Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1996, effective October 1, 1996, the Department of Health shall act as the single State agency for the administration of the Medical Assistance (MA) program. Under this law, the State Department of Social Services (DSS) retains some MA functions, including responsibility for eligibility determinations. Pursuant to this provision, the State Disability Review Team (DRT) function will be retained within State DSS.

Currently, the State DRT is in the Division of Health and Long Term Care, Bureau of Eligibility and Third Party Resources. As most of the functions of this Bureau are being transferred to the Department of Health, the functions of the State DRT will be transferred to the Office of Disability Determinations, effective October 3, 1996. This transfer will include both the case adjudication function, as well as the policy function. It is the intent of State DSS to make this transfer of function as smooth as possible, and local district needs should be unaffected.

At this time, districts should continue to contact their current State DRT liaison with any questions or concerns which pertain to ongoing cases or policy. Districts which submit cases to the State DRT should use the current address for now. As information regarding changes in liaison assignments, telephone numbers, or address becomes available, it will be made available to local districts as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation.

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