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Division: Services & Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Child and Adolescent Sexual Offense Medical Protocol

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that a copy of the New York State Departments of Health and Social Services Child and Adolescent Sexual Offense Medical Protocol will soon be distributed. One copy of the document will be mailed to your attention from the Department of Health.

This document was developed in response to requests from health care providers across the state seeking guidance and clarification of mandates related to the treatment, care, and management of sexually abused children and adolescents. A multidisciplinary task force comprised of professionals responsible for the management of sexual abuse cases was convened to facilitate the development of the protocol. The task force provided expertise regarding the medical, psychosocial and legal aspects of sexual abuse. The protocol would not have been possible without the collaborative effort of this group.

Pursuant to Title 10 New York Codes Rules and Regulations (10NYCRR) Sec. 405.9 and 405.10, hospitals are required to provide staff orientation and continuing education, and designate a staff member to coordinate compliance with requirements set forth in Social Service Law concerning child abuse and maltreatment. This protocol was prepared to help health care facilities comply with the above regulations, and to provide health care practitioners with a comprehensive overview of the subject and a standard of care for treatment of sexually abused children and adolescents.

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I hope that the protocol will assist in your agency's efforts to collaborate and coordinate with health care providers in handling of these most difficult cases. Following review, if you have questions or comments about the protocol please contact Thomas Hess of this office. The telephone number is (518) 474-4086 or user ID 89A794.

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