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 | ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE |  
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TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Temporary  
 Assistance

DATE: March 17, 1997

SUBJECT: Immunization Information for PA Applicants and Recipients

SUGGESTED  
 DISTRIBUTION:

Income Maintenance Directors  
 Medical Assistance Directors  
 Food Stamp Directors  
 Staff Development Coordinators  
 CAP Coordinators

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 PERSON:

Regional County Team Representative  
 at 1-800-343-8859, Region I ext. 3-0332;  
 Region II ext. 4-9344; Region III ext. 4-9307;  
 Region IV ext. 4-3231; Region V ext. 3-1469;  
 Region VI (212) 383-1658

ATTACHMENTS:

Information from Department of Health - not  
 available on-line

FILING REFERENCES

| Previous<br>ADMs/INFs | Releases<br>Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv.<br>Law & Other<br>Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. Ref. |
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I. PURPOSE

This directive advises Social Services Districts (SSD'S) of a new requirement in Chapter 61 of the Laws of 1996 to provide immunization information to all applicants for and recipients of public assistance who have children five years of age or less.

II. BACKGROUND

Chapter 61 of the Laws of 1996 amended Section 131 of the Social Services Law by adding a new subdivision 13 which requires districts to be the access point to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of age appropriate immunizations. Part 355 of the Department Regulations is being amended to reflect this requirement.

III. PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

As a result of this change, SSD's will provide all applicants for and recipients of public assistance who have children five (5) years of age or less with information concerning the availability of immunizations, a schedule regarding age appropriate immunizations and information concerning eligibility for free vaccinations for children.

IV. REQUIRED ACTION

Local districts must provide all applicants for and recipients of public assistance who have children five years of age or less with information about the importance of age appropriate immunizations. A schedule of immunizations with the appropriate telephone numbers and information about the New York Vaccines for Children Program (NYVFC) is attached.

Local districts must reproduce this informational material locally and provide this material as an insert in the Client Information Book DSS-4148B: What You Should Know About Social Services Programs. This information must be provided at the time of application and recertification. This information will be included in the next revision of the Client Information Books. English and Spanish versions will be available.

The Department of Health will be updating the schedule of vaccinations and telephone numbers on an as needed basis. This Department will update the attachment(s) and distribute any revised versions to local districts.

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V. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Administrative Directive is April 1, 1997.

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