

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities
(OMRDD) Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2000

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This is to inform local districts of a change that improved service coordination services for OMRDD consumers. Effective February 29, 2000 OMRDD's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Service Coordination and OMRDD Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management (CMCM) were no longer provided in New York State. As of March 1, 2000, OMRDD consumers began receiving service coordination through a new service called Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC). This new service provides a higher quality and more person centered approach to the provision of service coordination. The transition to MSC will not interrupt consumer's service coordination.

OMRDD is the provider of MSC in New York State. MSC services are provided directly by OMRDD through its 13 Developmental Disabilities Service Offices (DDSOs) and by non-profit or governmental agencies under contract with OMRDD. For both OMRDD and its contract entities, MSC services are billed to and adjudicated by the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). MSC is considered a public program as defined by 91 ADM-11. The services provided under the MSC program to individuals with excess income can be used to meet an individual's spenddown. Each consumer who receives MSC services must be authorized for services by OMRDD through the appropriate DDSO and will be identified on the Restriction/Exception (R/E) Subsystem of WMS with an entry of 35.

The transition to MSC in the R/E Subsystem of WMS will be accomplished during the month of March 2000. During this time, the State Department of Health (SDOH) will terminate the R/E code 35 currently on the file for the affected CMCM population. Once this is accomplished, the new code 35 will be established with a begin date of March 2, 2000, to indicate enrollment in the new MSC program. Affected HCBS Waiver participants will also have a 35 R/E code added to their file with an effective date of March 2, 2000 (existing 46, 47, or 48 codes identifying HCBS Waiver consumers will remain unchanged). The provider identification number that will be loaded for all individuals enrolled in MSC will begin with the letters OMR, so MSC services can easily be identified.

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The process, described above, of loading MSC information on the files of people previously served through OMRDD CCM or HCBS Waiver service coordination will be done automatically. This will reduce the amount of data entry required of the local districts. For the many districts that opted to have OMRDD do the data entry of R/E codes, future individual consumer enrollments and disenrollments will be done by OMRDD. Districts that have not given OMRDD the authority to perform the R/E data entry function will be responsible for updating the subsystem when notified by an OMRDD Revenue Support Office of future changes in MSC enrollment. For assistance with MSC R/E coding issues, please contact Marge Ciacco of OMRDD at (518) 402-4339.