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TO: Local Commissioners
Local Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: HIPAA Privacy Workshop at NYPWA

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS message is to inform you that the Department of Health and the Office of Medicaid Management will be presenting a two-part HIPAA Privacy workshop at the upcoming NYPWA Winter Conference, being held at the Albany Marriott, January 28-31, 2003. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 30.

Part I - 10:45AM - 12:15PM- Department Legal Counsel will discuss issues surrounding "covered entity;" Department HIPAA privacy consultants will present an overview of the privacy rule provisions.

Part II - 3:30PM-5:00PM- Department HIPAA privacy consultants will address key privacy rule provisions in detail; Department and OMM staff will discuss Notice of Privacy Practices, local districts responsibilities, State assistance and support, local staff training; interactive discussions on privacy-related issues/concerns.

The workshop should be very valuable and will provide an excellent opportunity for local district staff to obtain a better understanding of the privacy rule requirements, ask questions and participate in interactive discussions. I encourage local district staffs responsible for the development and implementation of privacy rule policies and procedures to attend, if at all possible.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicaid Local District Support Representative at 518-474-8216 (Upstate) or 212-268-6855 (NYC).