TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors
FROM: Judith Arnold, Director
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SUBJECT: Third Party Health Insurance – CHAMP-VA
EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately
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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to remind local departments of social services (LDSS) that when an individual is enrolled in CHAMP-VA, the insurance must be entered into eMedNY as a Commercial Health Insurance policy. The insurance code for CHAMP-VA is CVA.

CHAMP-VA is insurance available to the spouse or widow(er) and children of a military beneficiary who is not eligible for TRICARE. CHAMP-VA is available to the family members of a military beneficiary who:

- is rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service connected disability;
- was rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service connected condition at the time of death;
- died of a service connected disability; or
- died on active duty, and the dependents are not otherwise eligible for TRICARE benefits.