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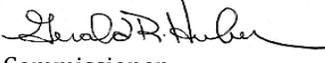
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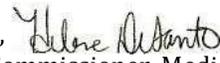
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-MEMORANDUM-

To: Leadership Team

From: Gerald Huber, 
Acting Deputy Commissioner

Helene DeSanto, 
Acting Deputy Commissioner, Medicaid Compliance Officer

Cc: COLT Members; COLT PLUS Members; DDSO Directors; DDSO Secretaries; Janet Strauss; Lou Mazzella; Regine Petigny; Dr. Richard Rice; Dr. Laura Kelly; Chris Grova; Vicki Tobar; Cathy Dillinger; Deb Musa; Stephanie Stoddard

Date: September 17, 2012

Re: Managed Care Exemptions

**OPWDD Regional Office Contacts for Eligibility Requests
Managed Care Exemptions**

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

Due to recent changes in NYS managed care enrollment policy and in keeping with legislative changes made to effectuate Medicaid redesign, some individuals who previously were exempt from mandatory "mainstream" managed care enrollment are now losing their current exemption. These exemptions had originally been granted when the person requested an exemption, that was signed by their physician and approved by the local DSS. OPWDD did not have a role in establishing this initial exemption, and not all people who received this initial exemption meet developmental disability eligibility criteria as defined in NYS mental hygiene law.

On August 7th approximately 1,000 individuals who have a developmental disability received a letter advising them that their exemption was coming to an end and that they would receive a second letter advising them to select a plan. Of these 1,000 people, 91 people meet NYS standards for developmental disability eligibility and remain exempt from mandatory managed care enrollment, and 35 people do not meet eligibility criteria and therefore will need to select an appropriate managed care plan. Of the remaining individuals, there are 424 people who are losing their exemption and there is no determination on file establishing whether the person has a developmental disability as defined in NYS mental hygiene law.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND ELIGIBLE FOR THE CONTINUED EXEMPTION FROM
MANDATORY MANAGED CARE ENROLLMENT:**

Individuals who are Medicaid enrolled and meet NYS Mental Hygiene Law criteria for a developmental disability are identified by a restriction/exception "95-code" in eMedNY and remain exempt from mandatory enrollment in mainstream managed care programs. Please note that people who meet developmental disability criteria can opt to enroll in mainstream managed care programs.

If Regional Office contacts have questions regarding the temporary exemption status of a person, they should contact:

Maria Then
 Maximus Exemption Exclusion Director
 (917) 228 - 9209

Please note that this is a contact for Regional Office Staff and should not be shared outside OPWDD.

If OPWDD not-for-profit providers have questions regarding the individuals they serve and whether the person has a '95-code' in eMedNY, advise them to contact the OPWDD Central Office Field Operations Unit via fax at (518) 473-1874. The provider should include the individual's name, TABS ID and Medicaid CIN (Client Identification Number).

OPWDD Regional Office Contacts for Eligibility Requests

OPWDD Office	Contact	Phone	E-mail
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