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**Subject: Long Term Home Health Care
Program Waiver Implementation
Directive**

Dear LTHHCP Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to advise Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP) administrators of implementation guidelines for the approved 1915(c) home and community based Medicaid waiver renewal for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2015.

The enclosed implementing Administrative Directive and General Information System Message (GIS) provides guidance to Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) and LTHHCP administrators with regard to the following waiver renewal provisions:

- Extension of participant reassessment period from every 120 days to every 180 days;
- Procedural changes for spousal impoverishment budgeting for waiver participants;
- Implementation of new waiver services: Home and Community Support Services; Community Transitional Services; and Assistive Technology, and enhancements to existing waiver Environmental Modification (Home Improvement) and Medical Social Services;
- Quality assurance requirements for participant choice/service satisfaction; and data collection/analysis reporting;
- Requirement that an individual must be in need of, and in receipt of, case management and at least one discrete waiver service every 30 days to participate in the LTHHCP;
- Specific Home and Community Support Services (HCSS) provider qualifications; and
- Clarification that Medication Dispensing Machines (or MD2 boxes) may be appropriate as an Assistive Technology service and that LDSS may continue to authorize window or floor unit air conditioners for LTHHCP participants.

A copy of the approved LTHHCP waiver renewal application entitled, *Application for a §1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver September 1, 2010*, is posted on the Department of Health website at www.nyhealth.gov/facilities/long_term_care/.

If you have questions regarding this information, please call Vicki Rockefeller at (518) 474-5271.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures