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MEMORANDUM

TO: RHCF and Community Services Members

FROM: Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Financial Policy Analyst

DATE: May 21, 2010

SUBJECT: **Medicaid Eligibility Determinations**

ROUTE TO: Administrator, CFO

ABSTRACT: NYAHS releases data on Medicaid eligibility survey.

Introduction

NYAHS and NYSHFA continue to work together on the issue of Medicaid eligibility determinations. Specifically, providers in various areas of the state continue to encounter significant routine delays in the processing of Medicaid applications. This in turn results in serious cash flow problems.

Most Recent Survey

Jointly, we have just completed the third in a series of member surveys on accounts receivable relative to Medicaid eligibility. The most recent survey results demonstrate that while there may be some minor improvement in the overall situation, the basic problems persist and the situation in many regions remains of concern.

Out of a sample of 188 respondents to the joint survey, a total of \$ 85 million in Medicaid pending accounts receivable was reported with an average of \$ 455,000 per facility. In this latest run, the Medicaid pending accounts receivable represents approximately 17 percent of total receivables reported. These estimates compare to \$467,000 per facility (20 percent of receivables) from the 2009 survey. Estimated average processing time for an application varied greatly, a strong indication of the inconsistency and variability in Medicaid eligibility processing across the local departments of social services.

Attached below is a summary of the survey by county. Again, these results are fairly consistent with the same survey conducted in 2009, and continue to demonstrate the need for ongoing advocacy.

Our associations intend to use this information to continue to advocate on this issue with the Department of Health. NYAHSa thanks our members for their responds to our survey.

Please contact me with any questions at pcucinelli@nyahsa.org or call 518-449-2707 ext. 145.

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C o u n t y	M e d i c a i d P e n d i n g A / R	T o t a l A c c o u n t s A / R
Albany	\$ 391,474	\$ 4,265,986
Allegany	\$ 72,336	\$ 1,943,804
Bronx	\$ 13,475,099	\$ 55,066,635
Broome	\$ 575,027	\$ 9,490,625
Cattaraugus	\$ 202,411	\$ 2,126,174
Cayuga	\$ 299,942	\$ 2,698,292
Chautauqua	\$ 615,745	\$ 7,278,671
Chemung	\$ 296,247	\$ 5,749,593
Chenango	\$ 60,147	\$ 470,865
Clinton	\$ 198,468	\$ 3,500,243
Columbia	\$ 0	\$ 0
Delaware	\$ 41,138	\$ 867,287
Erie	\$ 3,765,458	\$ 29,796,512
Essex	\$ 370,298	\$ 3,005,639
Franklin	\$ 5,987	\$ 1,043,319
Fulton	\$ 3,575	\$ 2,169,633
Genesee	\$ 1,179,640	\$ 5,463,132
Greene	\$ 87,888	\$ 1,637,616
Herkimer	\$ 24,275	\$ 737,714
Jefferson	\$ 640,748	\$ 3,664,207
Kingsl	\$ 4,910,359	\$ 36,831,108
Livinston	\$ 1,174,808	\$ 5,679,485
Monroe	\$ 6,673,209	\$ 54,608,650
Montgomery	\$ 582,311	\$ 7,271,223
Nassau	\$ 6,394,433	\$ 24,373,005
New York	\$ 9,381,321	\$ 33,536,903
Niagara	\$ 135,097	\$ 1,538,831
Oneida	\$ 1,843,880	\$ 14,516,677
Onondaga	\$ 8,575,668	\$ 21,709,182
Ontario	\$ 572,591	\$ 8,212,540
Orange	\$ 494,225	\$ 7,069,975
Orleans	\$ 261,824	\$ 1,211,555
Oswego	\$ 907,085	\$ 7,018,872
Otsego	\$ 401,270	\$ 3,215,452
Putnam	\$ 21,197	\$ 829,445
Queens	\$ 6,063,708	\$ 19,979,209
Rensselaer	\$ 0	\$ 5,297,663
Richmond	\$ 350,000	\$ 8,000,000
Rockland	\$ 424,250	\$ 808,605
Saratoga	\$ 338,671	\$ 7,502,810
Schenectady	\$ 396,174	\$ 7,568,775
Seneca	\$ 1,610,176	\$ 5,669,907
St. Lawrence	\$ 103,471	\$ 2,589,966
Steuben	\$ 626,774	\$ 4,109,167
Suffolk	\$ 5,269,717	\$ 34,184,143
Sullivan	\$ 153,096	\$ 3,035,683
Tompkins	\$ 402,806	\$ 1,356,384
Ulster	\$ 314,842	\$ 5,558,499
Warren	\$ 162,561	\$ 1,556,664
Wayne	\$ 984,205	\$ 4,756,231
Westchester	\$ 3,031,447	\$ 29,177,478
Yates	\$ 806,117	\$ 4,681,162
Grand Total	\$ 85,673,198	\$ 514,431,194