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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors
NY Connects Local Coordinators

SUBJECT: County Data Book: Selected Characteristics (2011)

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this IM is to transmit an updated "County Data Book: Selected Characteristics (2011)" (supersedes 09-IM-04), which is for use by local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), NY Connects, other interested individuals, organizations, and the public for planning, advocacy, and other activities.

The "County Data Book: Selected Characteristics (2011)" has been prepared by the New York State Office for the Aging in order to provide frequently requested information about selected demographic characteristics, including projections to the year 2040. The County Data Book provides state-level information and county-specific information for each county in New York. These data have been compiled from: (1) selected U.S. Census 2000 files; (2) the American Community Survey 2005-2009 five-year summary; and (3) Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2011 State Profile; this third source was the source for the demographic projections that are included in the tables.

The data for 2010 through 2040 are based on the Bureau of the Census 2009 Population Estimates, which uses Census 2000 as the baseline. With the transition by the Census Bureau from the Census Long Form to the American Community Survey (ACS), a number of key data elements no longer are available simply from the Census. Also, in past years following the decennial census, the U.S. Administration on Aging, in conjunction with the Census Bureau, issued the "Special Tabulation on Aging." Going forward, this product will be based on the ACS; however, as of the publication of this Information Memorandum (IM), the publication of the "Special Tabulation on Aging" has not yet occurred. Finally, population projections based on the 2010 Census are not yet

available. When these latter two data products become available, revised tables will be published and an IM will be issued to transmit those updates.

BACKGROUND: Local AAAs, NY Connects, and other interested individuals and organizations frequently request demographic and other data about older adults and persons with disabilities in their counties. These data are used for a variety of purposes, which may include:

- Budget planning, advocacy and community empowerment activities;
- Service awareness, information, and outreach; and
- Partnership and coalition building.

The data projections through the year 2040 for the overall population and for selected age groups can illustrate important trends that require specific attention and planning. In addition, these data are developed statewide, so the opportunity exists to compare and contrast local areas with the entire state.

AVAILABILITY: The County Data Book: Selected Characteristics (2011) can be viewed or downloaded from the following site:

<http://www.aging.ny.gov/ReportsAndData/CountyDataBooks/index.cfm>

Notes:

- Services provided under the Older Americans Act are administered through geographic areas called Planning and Service Areas (PSAs). In New York State, these PSAs are generally contiguous with county boundaries: exceptions are two American Indian areas, which are separate PSAs that are not administered through the counties in which they exist; New York City PSA, which includes the four counties of the city; and Warren-Hamilton PSA, which combines the two counties.
- Single-year data for St. Regis- Mohawk & Seneca Nation of Indians PSAs and their associated county PSAs are included at the end of the county list.
- For New York City, data sets are provided for New York City PSA as a whole, as well as for each of the five boroughs separately.

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