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TO: Area Agencies on Aging Directors

SUBJECT: Title III-D of the Older Americans Act

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PURPOSE: To provide information on the Medication Management component of Title III-D of the Older Americans Act.

BACKGROUND: Under the recent reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, Title III-F (Health, Wellness and Disease Prevention), was renamed Title III-D and a new Medication Management initiative funded. Under separate cover, area agencies on aging have received information of their allocation for this new activity. The Older Americans Act requires that area agencies on aging spend these new funds specifically on Medication Management activities.

Medication Management activities are those that assist older persons to adequately manage the medications they are taking and avoid medication misuse and/or abuse. The new Medication Management funds under Title III-D can be used for any of the following Medication Management activities currently funded by an area agency on aging or new services that address the activities listed below:

- ◆ The creation and/or distribution of consumer information about Medication Management provided to individuals or at group settings such as senior centers, nutrition sites, social adult day care programs and health fairs;
- ◆ The provision and distribution of helpful devices such as “daily use pill boxes, immunization record charts, refrigerator reminders and magnets, medication use calendars, etc.”;

- ◆ The production and/or distribution of brochures and other educational materials dealing with drug interaction;
- ◆ Seminars concerning Medication Management conducted by Registered Dieticians, Pharmacists, Nurses or other qualified professionals; and,
- ◆ Assistance to older persons with information about and/or the registration for insurance programs about prescription drugs such as New York State's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage program (EPIC).

In the late fall of 2001, the Independent Peer Review Organization (IPRO) will provide the aging network in New York State with educational materials to assist them in carrying out their tasks related to Medication Management, as well as other Health, Wellness and Disease Prevention activities. The provision of these tool kits, workbooks and resource guides will be of significant help to area agencies on aging and their subcontractors.

PROGRAMS AFFECTED:

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<input type="checkbox"/> EISEP	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash-in-Lieu	<input type="checkbox"/> Title V
<input type="checkbox"/> HIICAP	<input type="checkbox"/> LTCOP	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		

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