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TO: Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

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SUBJECT: Transition of New York State Veterans' Home at Oxford
Medicaid Cases to Local District Responsibility

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The New York State Veterans' Home at Oxford is a 242 bed nursing facility located in Chenango County. The nursing home is operated by the State Department of Health and provides care to veterans and their dependents. Heretofore, the Medicaid eligibility determination of Oxford Home residents has been performed by the State and the State has paid 100% of the non-federal costs attributed to the Medicaid expenditures of the residents.

Effective October 1, 1997 this Department has elected to delegate, pursuant to Social Services Law (SSL) section 365(3), the Medicaid eligibility determination of Oxford Home residents to the local departments of social services. This Department will continue to pay 100% of the non-federal share. Consistent with SSL Section 62.5(d), existing cases and new applications will be referred to the local department of social services where the resident legally resided prior to admission to the nursing home.

Therefore, new admissions to the Oxford facility on or after October 1, 1997 or individuals previously admitted, but not Medicaid eligible until October 1, 1997 or thereafter will be required to apply for Medicaid coverage with the appropriate local department of social services. These cases should be processed as any new nursing home application. To insure that the local district does not incur the local share associated with Oxford Home cases, State/federal charge code 11 (Oxford Home) must be entered on screen 3 of WMS. Claiming for the administrative costs may be submitted to the State Department of Social Services using schedule RF-3 (DSS-843).

The undercare caseload of the Oxford Home will be transitioned to the local districts during October. Each district affected by the transition will receive their cases by mail with a letter of explanation.

An Administrative Directive with more detailed information will be issued in the near future.