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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

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TO: Commissioner of
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DIVISION: Office of Medicaid
Management

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SUBJECT: Notice of Privacy for Foster Care Children

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Medicaid Staff
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ATTACHMENTS: Notice of Privacy Practices (English and Spanish)

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INfs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
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The purpose of this Office of Medicaid Management/Informational Letter (OMM/INF) is to inform local departments of social services (LDSS) of the Notice of Privacy for foster care children in the Commissioner's custody.

Attached please find copies of the English and Spanish versions of the 2006 New York Medicaid "Notice of Privacy Practices" (NOPP). The notice describes how Medicaid recipients' medical information may be used and disclosed, and how recipients may access their medical information.

The federal Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (Privacy Rule) mandates recipients receive a copy of the NOPP Notice every three years. The New York State Department of Health mailed the initial NOPP during April-May 2003 and is now in the process of completing the mailing of the 2006 version. The LDSS must share this information with foster children in the LDSS commissioner's custody and the foster care home and facilities in which they reside.

The Commissioner should provide a copy of the notice to foster care children, foster care homes and facilities.

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