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Date: May 22, 1991

Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Home Care Worker Training Resources

ATTACHMENTS: AIDS In-Service Volume and Video (Not available on-line)

The New York State Department of Social Services, Office of Human Resource Development and the Division of Medical Assistance, in conjunction with the Professional Development Program of Rockefeller College of the State University of New York at Albany, have recently completed development of the enclosed curriculum, AIDS In-Service for the Home Care Worker and the video, Making a Difference, which illustrate appropriate home care services for persons with symptomatic HIV illness, including AIDS. These materials support in-service training efforts of home care agencies who contract with the Department.

The AIDS In-Service for the Home Care Worker curriculum was developed for personal care services providers to meet continuing education requirements. This in-service program is intended to acquaint home care workers with the nature of HIV illness emphasizing the practical implications for delivery of home care services. It contains three separate, yet inter-connected units on the topic of AIDS. Each unit is approximately two hours in length and may be presented individually or collectively in a one-day training session. The unit topics and related content areas are:

Unit I - HIV Illness: The Basics

An historical overview of the illness, the spectrum of HIV illness, general care requirements, cause, transmission, prevention, testing, and treatment.

Unit II - The Person with AIDS (From Diagnosis to Home Care Client)

Acute signs and symptoms of illness, recommended self-care behaviors, health activities and psychosocial issues for the person with AIDS.

Unit III - The Home Care Worker Caring for the Client with AIDS

Client care, symptom management, infection control practice, environmental considerations, management of the child with HIV illness, psychosocial issues for caregivers, worker responsibilities, and community resources, services, and supports.

The enclosed video, Making a Difference, was developed in conjunction with this curriculum to reinforce and highlight particular content areas. Designed specifically of home care workers, this video focuses on the practical aspects of caring for clients in the home, as well as the psychosocial issues for both the client and the home care worker. We are proud to announce that Making a Difference has received national and international training video awards.

No direct distribution of the in-service curriculum or the video is being made to home care agencies. You may lend these resources to them. Copies are also available in the Department's Materials Resource Center in Albany and may be borrowed or purchased. Interested agencies should contact:

Mr. Bruce Muller  
New York State Department of Social Services  
Materials Resource Center  
40 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12243  
(Telephone: 1-800-342-3715, extension 38320)

We hope that you will find these resources helpful. If you have any questions regarding the content, availability, or use of the in-service training program, please contact Susan Lasker or Shirley Gnacik of the Division of Medical Assistance at 1-800-342-3715, extension 32345 or 64457, respectively.

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