

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES & INFORMATIONAL LETTERS

- **91 INF – 034 Health Care Agents & Proxies Statute**

Purpose:

The purpose of this release is to inform local social services districts of an amendment to the Public Health Law (PHL) in relation to the appointment of a health care agent to make health care decisions for individuals who no longer have the capacity to make such decisions.

- **92 INF – 054 Access to Hospital Records for the Purpose of PSA Investigations**

Purpose:

The purpose of this release is to inform local social services districts of a recent legal opinion from the New York State Department of Health (DOH) regarding the authority of a general hospital to provide access to a patient's medical records for the purpose of evaluating the need for Protective Services for Adults (PSA) when that patient was referred to PSA by the hospital.

- **92 INF- 55 PSA: Model Hospital Agreement**

Purpose:

The purpose of this release is to inform local social services districts of a model Protective Services for Adults (PSA)/Hospital Discharge Planning Agreement which was developed by the Department, in collaboration with the Hospital Association of New York State (HANYS).

- **93 INF – 15 Revised Admission & Discharge Criteria for CHHA**

Purpose:

The purpose of this release is to inform local social services districts of amendments to Section 763.5 of Title 10, NYCRR [Department of Health (DOH) regulations]. The revised DOH regulations clarify the criteria to be used by certified home health agencies (CHHAs) in making admission and discharge decisions when the health and safety of patients or the agency staff are in question. In addition, a DOH Memorandum (DOHM 93-3) has been issued to further clarify these regulatory changes).