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DIVISION OF ADULT SERVICES  
ADULT CARE FACILITY DIRECTIVE NO. 11 JANUARY 23, 1985

TO: Adult Care Facilities  
SUBJECT: "First Aid for Choking"  
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to remind you that posting of the "First Aid for Choking" Poster is required by NYS Public Health Law Section 1352(b) for public eating places, including adult homes and shelters.

II. BACKGROUND

On August 4, 1982 a Nutrition Bulletin was issued, along with a "First Aid for Choking" Poster, with instructions that the poster be located in a conspicuous place in the dining room and that all staff be trained in the procedures outlined.

The problem of missing and/or impaired gag reflex among the elderly and the persons on psychotropic medication has come up again recently as an issue in a number of adult homes.

| Previous Transmittals     | Department Regulations                    | Social Services Law |
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| Nutrition Bulletin 8/4/82 | 18 NYCRR 487.11(a)<br>18 NYCRR 491.106(a) |                     |

III. PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

The Public Health Law Section 1352(b) and 18NYCRR 487.11a of the Adult Home Regulations require compliance with this State law as does 18NYCRR 491.10(a) of the Shelter Regulations. We are making this a requirement for the Enriched Housing Program. The Regional Office staff will be inspecting for the posting of the poster in each of your communal dining rooms.

IV. REQUIRED ACTION

Post the "First Aid for Choking" Poster in a conspicuous place in each of your communal dining rooms. Have food service, supervisory, and personal care aides who work in the dining room trained in the procedures outlined.

Additional posters may be requested from your regional office.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This release will be effective immediately.

Signature

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