



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 3-2001 JANUARY 16, 2001

TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, and POLICE CHIEFS

RE: Expanded Syringe Access Demonstration Program (ESAP) January 1, 2001

Recent legislation, Part G of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2000, which took effect on January 1, 2001, amended the Public Health Law to provide for persons 18 and older to legally obtain and possess syringes and needles through the **NYS Expanded Syringe Access Demonstration Program (ESAP)**. This legislation improves access to hypodermic needles and syringes as part of a public health effort to reduce sharing of syringes. This sharing of syringes still remains a major mode of transmission of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B & C. Commissioner Katherine Lapp of the Division of Criminal Justice Services has developed a condensed summary of the program which is attached.

A copy of the regulations are also attached for your review and development of any policies and procedures for your department's compliance.

If there are any questions regarding this legislation, please contact the Expanded Syringe Access Demonstration Program (ESAP) of the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute at 212-268-6987.

Alan J. Croce, Chairman/Commissioner