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# CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

## NO. 13-99

### June 23, 1999

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TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, Police Chiefs

RE: Information Regarding Hepatitis & HIV

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As you are aware the incidence of Hepatitis in correctional facilities is a major concern for administrators, employees and medical care providers.

The incidence of Hepatitis B & C is frequently related to drug abusers which is a major component of correctional facility population.

Recently the NYS Department of Health has made available a reference document titled Hepatitis & HIV: Question and Answer Sheet and Easy Reference Tables which are attached for your information.

Department of Health also makes reference to developing training modules on Viral Hepatitis. As soon as the Commission is informed of this information we will make this available to your agency.

If there are any questions regarding the attached information, please contact Bill Gaunay or Peggy Loffredo of our Forensic Medical Unit at (518) 485-2482 or 485-2475.

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Alan J. Croce, Chairman/Commissioner