

**BROOME COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
AUDIT AND CONTROL**

Quarterly Accounts Receivable Analysis

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Comptroller

December 30, 2005

Barbara J. Fiala, County Executive:

The Department of Audit and Control has compiled a summary of the status of accounts receivable balances in various County departments as of September 30, 2005.

Our analysis of the data provided has revealed the following critical issues:

- The Aviation department shows a 772% increase in the 61-90 day category. However, the quarterly dollar amount increase (\$100.00 to \$872.00) in this category is relatively small.

- The Health Department shows a 1,368 % increase in the 61-90 day category. Department management indicated that the Medicaid portion of their receivables is unusually high due to a problem with the New York State system. A July billing for \$236,241 was resubmitted in September. Adjusting for the July billing, the 61-90 day category percentage increase is reduced from a 1,368 % increase to an increase of 325% from the previous quarter. The Health Department also shows a 507% increase in the over 90 day category. The bulk of this increase is attributable to the third party insurance (billings) portion of the Health Department's receivables. The third party insurance receivables over 90 days old increased from \$22,836 at the end of the second quarter to \$177,253 at the end of the third quarter. The department indicated that they are aware of the increase in the over 90 day third party insurance receivable balance and will address the issue.

- Willow Point Nursing Home shows a 356% increase in the 61-90 day category for the third quarter of 2005. The department indicated Medicaid payments have not been received for two months due to HIPPA glitches. They anticipate that payments will be made soon.

Attached are schedules summarizing the status of significant receivables as of September 30, 2005. The criteria that we established for monitoring was to track balances that were in excess of \$100,000 as of September 30, 2005 and generate from fee for service transactions. If you are aware of other receivable categories that are at risk of becoming uncollectable, please advise.

Sincerely,


Alex J. McLaughlin
Comptroller

cc: Daniel A. Schofield, Chairman of the Legislature
Members of the Legislature
Louis P. Augostini, Clerk of the Legislature
Henry D. Weissmann, Commissioner, Public Works
Carl Beardsley, Commissioner of Aviation
John F. Demske, Administrator, Willow Point Nursing Home
Claudia A. Edwards, Director, Health Department

**Accounts Receivable Aging Summary
3rd Quarter 2005**

Component Age of Receivables (In Days)

Department	0-30	31-60	61-90	Over 90	Total
Aviation	48,633.02	22,632.79	872.00	43,074.63	115,212.44
% Change From Prior Qtr	14.9%	255.4%	772.0%	-6.4%	21.5%
Health - Early Intervention	239,987.66	13,193.00	332,669.00	180,033.00	765,882.66
% Change From Prior Qtr	149.9%	-87.4%	1368.54%	507.8%	202.9%
Solid Waste Division	524,758.31	117,883.56	2,679.69	1,857.90	647,179.46
% Change From Prior Qtr	16.9%	4.8%	14.48%	5.1%	14.4%
Willow Point	1,698,751.06	1,633,997.55	1,396,107.82	2,373,159.45	7,102,015.88
% Change From Prior Qtr	4.6%	-3.2%	356.3%	34.1%	31.8%