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Division: Information

Technology Mgmt. & Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Electronic Access to the Department of Motor Vehicles

ATTACHMENTS: None

We are writing to inform you that commencing June 29, 1992, the Department's Office Automation System (OAS) will have the capability to provide authorized OAS users with direct electronic access to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles drivers license, registration and vehicle identification inquiry system. This new OAS capability presents counties, that are connected to the OAS, with the opportunity to significantly expedite the client clearance process and realize associated cost savings. Access to DMV via the OAS marks the first phase of the Department's plan to provide OAS users with electronic access to various organizations which offer information directly related to the administration of social services in New York State. For instance, access to the New York State Department of Labor on-line inquiry services (JOBS, Unemployment Insurance Benefits) will be announced in the very near future. This type of capability represents one more step toward capitalizing on our respective investments technology and we are anxious to realize its benefits.

Accordingly, it is suggested that any district that is currently, or soon to be, connected to the OAS, begin to put in place its own process for DMV inquiry. This is especially important for those districts who currently rely upon the mail-in DMV inquiry process which is conducted by this Department's Division of Income Maintenance, since it is anticipated that this service will be discontinued when OAS is implemented statewide. To realize this end we have asked Department staff to work closely with county OA coordinators and county IM clearance personnel during the coming weeks to develop a comprehensive implementation and transition strategy.

As in the past, your participation in the Department's OAS is welcomed and we are certain that new capabilities such as direct electronic access to DMV will continue to demonstrate the benefit of being a member of the OAS. A separate transmittal to LDSS TTSS Coordinators explains the process for obtaining this expanded capability. Questions regarding this interface may be directed to either Dick Dillon (PL0030), (518) 474-3870 or Dave Cross (PL0020), (518) 474-9144.

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