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Division: Office of Field
Operations

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Stieberger v. Sullivan Class Action Settlement

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that on March 8, 1993, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will mail approximately 300,000 notices to Stieberger v. Sullivan class members.

The Stieberger v. Sullivan class action settlement agreement was signed on June 18, 1992. As part of the agreement, the class consists of the following individuals who were residents of New York State and whose Title II (Social Security) or Title XVI (SSI) federal disability claims or benefits were:

- o either denied or terminated at any level of administrative review from October 1, 1981 through October 17, 1985 or
- o either denied or terminated at the federal Administrative Law Judge or federal Appeals Council level from October 18, 1985 through July 2, 1992.

Class members will be notified that they must respond to this notice within 180 days from the date they received the notice in order for them to have the prior denial or termination decision reviewed by SSA.

Past experience has shown that this type of mailout will generate a large volume of inquiries to SSA, State and local social service districts and provider agencies. Any individual who receives a Stieberger notice and contacts a social services district should be advised to complete the notice form and return it to SSA as soon as possible. Any questions about the Stieberger settlement in general or about an individuals particular status should be directed to SSA by visiting or telephoning the local Social Security office or by calling SSA's toll free number 1-800-772-1213. Additionally, any individual who has not received a notice but believes that he or she may be a Stieberger class member should contact SSA.

Additional details regarding the impact of the Stieberger class action settlement on the MA and PA programs will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call Abe Anolik, Economic Security at 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-7218 (Userid AX0400), Barbara Barnes, Health and Long Term Care, extension 3-5500 (Userid AX0960) or Thomas Malvey, Office of Disability Determinations, extension 3-7144 (Userid AY2530).

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