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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

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TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Office of  
 Budget, Finance  
 and Data  
 Management

DATE: September 14, 1998

SUBJECT: State Assumption of Local Districts' Share of  
 Supplemental Payments

SUGGESTED

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ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this INF.

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
89 INF-58	90 INF-59		SSL 212		
90 INF-59	91 INF-50		L.1998		
91 INF-50	94 INF-42		c. 316		
94 INF-42	97 INF-10				
97 INF-10					

Chapter 316 of the Laws of 1998 amended Section 212 of the Social Services Law to make the State permanently and fully responsible for the payment of the local districts' share of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) supplemental payments. Subdivision 3 of Section 212 was also repealed by Chapter 316. This Chapter became effective July 14, 1998.

Section 212 of the Social Services Law previously stated that social services districts were responsible to pay back to the State a portion of SSI supplemental payments. This "payback" was effected through reductions of local districts' monthly advances. Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1978 amended Section 212 of the Social Services Law to include a provision which provided for State assumption of the local districts' share of the state supplementation payments under the SSI program for the period July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1980 in the upstate districts and the period October 1, 1978 through September 30, 1980 for New York City. Since that time, several chapters of the New York laws have been enacted to amend SSL 212 to extend this time period for upstate districts and NYC. Advances have not been reduced by the local districts' share of the SSI supplemental payments since 1978.

With the passage of Chapter 316, there is no authority for the State to ever adjust local district advances for State supplemental payments.

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