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TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Income
 Maintenance

DATE: May 15, 1990

SUBJECT: Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR): Insertion
 of Recertification Dates onto WMS

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Public Assistance Staff
 Medical Assistance Staff
 Food Stamp Staff
 Services Staff
 Staff Development Coordinators

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FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
89 INF-4					88 LCM-16
89 INF-66					

New York State recently signed a new agreement regarding Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR). This new agreement requires New York State to provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) with an accurate public assistance application or recertification date. SSA needs such accurate dates so that they can determine if an SSI applicant is eligible for a protective filing date.

When a protective filing date is established, SSA can predate an SSI application for up to 60 days. This is done when the SSI applicant has submitted a signed and dated IAR agreement (application or recertification forms DSS-2921 and DSS-3174) to a local social services district within 60 days prior to the date an SSI application is filed. Establishment of accurate protective filing dates will allow SSI applicants to obtain SSI earlier. In addition, local districts will be able to recover a greater amount of interim assistance.

All districts presently enter application dates onto the WMS file. NYC also enters a recertification date into WMS. In order to obtain accurate recertification dates outside of NYC to support the protective filing process, all local social services districts outside New York City must enter the recertification date onto WMS. A recertification date is defined as the date a signed and dated recertification form is submitted to a local social services district.

For Upstate districts, a new data element is being added to WMS effective in June 1990. This new field on screen 01 will be labeled "Recertification date" and will be a required entry for case types "11-ADC", "12-ADC-U", "14-PG-ADC", "16-HR" and "17-VA" when a recertification "Transaction Type - 06" is being data entered.

Districts will be notified of the specifics of the case processing requirements for this change in a WMS Coordinator letter prior to migration to the Production System in June. This change will also be reflected in the Public Assistance Source Book.

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