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 | ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE |
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TRANSMITTAL: 92 ADM-12

TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Income
 Maintenance

DATE: March 13, 1992

SUBJECT: Equipment Replacement

 SUGGESTED
 DISTRIBUTION: Income Maintenance Directors
 Food Stamp Directors
 Medical Assistance Directors
 WMS Coordinators
 Employment Coordinators
 Staff Development Coordinators

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ATTACHMENTS: None

FILING REFERENCES

| Previous ADMs/INFs | Releases Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. Ref. |
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| | | 352.7(b) | 131-a.5(c) | PASB XIII-A-1 IV-C FSSB XII-G-2-6 | GIS 91 IM/DC029 |

I. PURPOSE

This directive advises social services districts of an amendment to Department Regulation 352.7(b). This amendment permits a social services district to authorize replacement of heating equipment, cooking stoves, and refrigerators used by persons in need of public assistance (PA) in their homes when replacement is less expensive than essential repairs.

II. BACKGROUND

Prior to this amendment, Department regulations required social services districts to issue allowances to PA recipients for essential repairs of heating equipment, cooking stoves and refrigerators. There was no authority to replace rather than to repair such equipment if replacement was less costly. Chapter 413 of the laws of 1991 provides that replacement may be authorized when less expensive than repair.

III. PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Permitting replacement rather than repair of equipment when it is less expensive to replace the equipment than to repair it will result in cost savings to the federal, State and local governments in a time of fiscal constraints and is a more realistic approach to meeting the needs of PA recipients.

IV. REQUIRED ACTION

Social services districts may authorize replacement of heating equipment, cooking stoves, and refrigerators used by persons in need of public assistance in their homes, when such replacement is less expensive than making essential repairs. Repair and replacement allowances for cooking stoves and refrigerators must not exceed the amounts authorized under schedule SA-4a.

PA payments made by social services districts to replace heating equipment, cooking stoves, and refrigerators on behalf of persons in need of PA are excluded as income for food stamps.

V. WMS IMPLICATIONS

Upstate

Payment Types 43, 44 and 45, Heating Equipment, Cooking Stove and Refrigerator Repairs should be used for both repairs and replacements.

NYC

A PA Single Issuance code will be designated to allow the replacement of heating equipment, cooking stoves, and refrigerators. Instructions will be sent to New York City under separate cover.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This directive is effective April 1, 1992, retroactive to July 19, 1991.

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