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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Date: February 10, 1992

Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Photo ID Requirements for AFSI Phase III (EBICS)

ATTACHMENTS: Attachments are not available on-line

In early 1992, statewide rollout of Phase III, to be known as the Electronic Benefit Issuance and Control System (EBICS), will begin. The projected upstate implementation schedule is as follows:

Washington County (pilot)	2nd calendar quarter '92
Nassau County (pilot)	2nd calendar quarter '92
Erie County (pilot)	3rd calendar quarter '92
Regions I, II & III	4th calendar quarter '92
Regions IV & V	1st calendar quarter '93

The electronic eligibility verification process requiring card swipe and PIN entry that public assistance recipients will use to obtain their cash benefits in EBICS is the same as that used in AFSI Phase II.

For public assistance purposes, social services law requires that PA recipients have a photo ID for use in obtaining public assistance benefits. Those exempt from Photo ID requirements include recipients who are unable to cash their own checks personally or are residents in a medical or health-related facility. The permanent CBIC (produced by the contractor) meets this requirement. Attached is a status report for your county indicating those cases without a photo CBIC along with the case addresses and phone numbers; sorted by office, unit, worker. EAA, EAF, ADC-FC and cases with the emergency indicator on (=x) were excluded from the report.

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Please develop a plan to ensure that all new cases are issued a photo CBIC and that each PA household will have an individual in the case with a photo CBIC in time for Phase III implementation in your county. Department staff will contact counties that do not appear to be in compliance with this requirement. If you have any questions please contact Rosanne Rose at 1-800-342-3715, extension 6-3415.

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