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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Income Maintenance

Administration

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Immediate Need Satellite Teleconference

ATTACHMENTS: None

The current economic situation in New York State has caused a dramatic increase in the number of applicants for social services, particularly those with immediate needs. We are pleased to announce that we will be conducting a statewide satellite teleconference training program for Income Maintenance line workers and supervisors on "Immediate Needs". We encourage you to send as many of your income maintenance staff as possible to this training. Although New York's policies on immediate needs are not new, the current condition of the national, state and local economies underscore the need for and importance of these policies.

The program will be delivered through the SUNYSAT system on May 21 from  $1:00~\rm p.m.$  to  $4:00~\rm p.m.$  in 15 sites across the state for up to 1,200 trainees. The training sites have been selected to minimize travel distance for local district staff.

The program will originate in Albany and will consist of panel presentations moderated by Ed Dague, a newscaster with station WNYT in Albany, and will feature staff from the Bureaus of Income Support, Food Stamps and Energy. Following the panel presentation, viewers in each location will have an opportunity to address questions to the panel members.

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Your agency will be receiving registration materials directly from the Professional Development Program at Rockefeller College. We look forward to this opportunity to test the satellite format for some of our training activities and will be most interested in your staff's reactions and comments. Please feel free to contact Cathy Wright of the Office of Human Resource Development at (518) 474-3065 (Userid OHR150) if you would like more information regarding satellite training.

Again we encourage you to take advantage of this important training opportunity.

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