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TRANSMITTAL: 94 INF-54

TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Economic
 Security

DATE: November 22, 1994

SUBJECT: Revision to ABEL Input Sheet (DSS-3570A)

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Staff Development Coordinators
 All Income Maintenance Staff
 Food Stamp Staff
 ABEL Liaisons
 Forms Coordinators

CONTACT PERSON: Call 1-800-343-8859 and ask for the following
 individual at the indicated extension:
 For ABEL PA Questions - Gene Reilly, extension 3-7991
 For ABEL FS Questions - Carl Poole, extension 4-8538
 For FS Motor Vehicle Questions - Your FS County
 Representative, extension 4-9225
 For Public Assistance Budgeting Questions - Greg Nolan,
 extension 4-9313
 For Forms Questions - Bob Gullie, extension 4-6501

ATTACHMENTS: DSS-3570A (Rev. 8/94): ABEL Input Sheet - not
 available on-line

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
93 INF-28	93 INF-28		Family Assistance Act	ABEL Manual C-1, C-12, C-35	ABEL Transmittal 92-4

The purpose of this release is to introduce the revised (8/94) version of the DSS-3570A: ABEL Input Sheet (copy attached).

This optional form may be used to record information necessary to complete an ABEL PA and/or FS Budget in the Welfare Management System (WMS). The reverse side of the Input Sheet provides an area to calculate an individual's average income and an area to calculate the value of a motor vehicle as a Food Stamp resource.

The revisions to this form reflect changes to the PA and FS ABEL budget screens up to and including the 7/18/94 production migration.

The revisions to the 4/93 version of the DSS-3570A, which are included in the current 8/94 version, are outlined below:

I. FRONT

A. GENERAL - The revision date was changed to (Rev.8/94).

B. PA BUDGET section - No Changes

C. FS BUDGET section

1. The entire "Additional Exclusions" section was moved to the right of the second line of the "Unearned Income" section.
2. A new four character field "MMYY" was added before each of the 3 FRQ (Frequency) fields in the DEP CARE (Dependent Care) section.
3. A new six character field, "Support", was added as the last field in the DEDUCTIONS section.

At this time, ABEL will prohibit entry in this field until programmatic issues are resolved. Details about the future use of this field will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

II. REVERSE

A. GENERAL - The revision date was changed to 8/94.

B. FS MOTOR VEHICLES section

1. A new first bullet was added to the "Totally Excluded Vehicles" section. The new bullet reads:
 - o used to carry fuel for heating the home or water for home use when the transported water or fuel is the primary source of fuel or water for the household.
2. The "fair market value", in the Fair Market Value Excluded Vehicles section, was changed to \$4,550.
3. The "fair market value" in the Equity/Fair Market Value Excluded Vehicles section, was changed to \$4,550.

C. FS MOTOR VEHICLE RESOURCE CALCULATION section

In the Fair Market section, the amounts on the 3 "Minus value limit" lines were changed to \$4,550.

Delivery of the revised DSS-3570A to the Albany Warehouse is expected in November, 1994. Your district will not automatically receive copies. In order to ensure that usage of the revised form begins within a reasonable amount of time, you may continue to use the previous (4/93) version of the DSS-3570A until your stock is depleted, or until February 1995, whichever occurs first. Reorders will be filled with the 8/94 version.

Future requests for the DSS-3570A should be submitted on Form WMS-47 (Rev. 9/89): "WMS Order Form" and should be sent to:

New York State Department of Social Services
Welfare Management System
P.O. Box 1990
Albany, New York 12201
Attention: Office of Customer Support Services (OCSS)

Questions concerning ordering the forms should be directed to the Office of Customer Support Services by calling 1-800-343-8859, extension 6-6223.

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