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## Informational Letter

### Section 1

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### Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
01 ADM-3 99 ADM-7 97 ADM-21 97 ADM-20 94 ADM-10 98 LCM-45 00 INF-21		350.30 351.2 351.21 351.28 351.31 369.4 370.4 1300.2	SSL 349-a(5)(c) SSL 350.2(a) PRWORA WRA	PASB Section VIII-L, XII-E-2.1 Energy/HEAP Manual Section IV	GIS 01TA/DC019 7/3/01 Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator Letter

## **Section 2**

### **I. Purpose**

Attached to this release are the responses to questions raised during the series of Time Limit/Tracking Regional Meetings conducted by the Division of Temporary Assistance.

### **II. Background**

Federal and State law establishes limits on the amount of time individuals and families can receive certain categories of Temporary Assistance. Family Assistance and non-cash Safety Net Assistance-Federally Participating families will begin reaching the State sixty-month time limit on December 1, 2001. Districts are examining these cases to determine strategies for self-sufficiency or alternate means of support. OTDA is committed to providing tools and information to assist districts in the examination of these cases. As part of this commitment, DTA conducted a series of regional meetings during the spring of 2001 to provide information for districts to properly review their cases. A series of questions were collected from these meetings and the answers to the questions are provided in attachment C of this release.

### **III. Program Implications**

The Question and Answers attachment C, together with the policy directive 01 ADM-3: "Exemptions to the State Sixty-Month Cash Time Limit/Evaluation for Safety Net Assistance", provide the information necessary for the local districts to correctly determine whether a Family Assistance or non-cash Safety Net Assistance-Federally Participating case qualifies for a State sixty-month time limit exemption.

Further guidance will be provided on how the new Safety Net Assistance call-in and application requirements relate to the face-to-face reassessment interviews discussed during the regional meetings.

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