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Section 1

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Attachments:	Temporary Assistance Qs & As from Time Limit/Tracking Conference Calls
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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-16		350.30	SSL 349-	PASB Section	GIS 01TA/DC019
01 ADM-3		351.2	a(5)(a)	VIII-L, XII-E-	GIS 01
99 ADM-7		351.21	SSL 350.2 (a)	2.1	TA/WMS022
97 ADM-21		351.28	PRWORA	Energy/HEAP	GIS 01 TA/DC032
97 ADM-20		351.31	WRA	Manual Section	GIS TA/DC043
94 ADM-10		369.4		IV	9/20/01 Dear
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00 INF-21		1300.2			7/3/01 Dear
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Section 2

I. Purpose

Attached to this release are the responses to questions raised during the series of Time Limit/SNA Application Conference Calls conducted by the Division of Temporary Assistance.

II. Background

Federal and State law establish 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 began 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 and calling in those able-bodied cases reaching the State 60-month time limit to apply for SNA. OTDA is committed to providing tools and information to assist districts in the examination of these cases. As part of this commitment, DTA has conducted a series of local district conference calls during the Fall of 2001 to provide information for districts to properly review their cases. A series of questions were collected from these conference calls 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"; 01 INF-19: "Responses to Questions Raised at Time Limit/Tracking Regional Meetings"; and 01 ADM-17: "Safety Net Assistance Application for Able-Bodied Adults at the State Sixty-Month Time Limit" 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 or needs to apply for SNA.

IV. Medical Assistance Implications

Local district workers are reminded that time limits do not apply to Medicaid (MA). MA must continue whenever a Family Assistance case is closed solely due to reaching the 60-month time limit or non-compliance with Safety Net application or employment-related requirements associated with time limits.

V. Food Stamp Implications

Time Limits do not apply to Food Stamps (FS). Local districts are reminded that a separate determination of continued eligibility for Food Stamps, including the Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA) must be made for a Family Assistance case closed due to the Sixty-Month Time Limit.

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