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Section 1

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None	None	None	18 NYCRR 353.2(c)	None	None

Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this release is to inform local districts that, effective January 1, 2004, the US Treasury Department will no longer be printing social security numbers (SSN's) on federal checks. As a result, SSI, Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR), and Social Security checks received by local districts will no longer have an SSN to assist in identifying the recipient associated with the check.

II. Background

Currently, local districts use the SSN's of recipients found on SSI, IAR, and Social Security checks to match the check with the correct recipient. As a result of the forthcoming change, local districts will have to find other ways to ensure that a particular check corresponds to a particular recipient.

III. Program Implications

- We expect that this change may sometimes cause a problem for districts in identifying the correct recipient when the district receives an interim assistance reimbursement (IAR) check. The recipient's identity may need to be confirmed by comparing the amount of the IAR check to the amount of IAR noted on the SSA-8125, the federal accounting form sent to local districts by the Social Security Administration.

Local districts are reminded that they are still required to process all IAR checks within 10 working days of receipt as specified in 18 NYCRR 353.2(c).

- In larger districts, this change may increase the workload of staff processing IAR and other federal checks.

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