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Informational Letter

Section 1

Transmittal:	08-INF-09
To:	Local District Commissioners
Issuing Division:	Center for Employment and Economic Supports
Date:	May 7, 2008
Subject:	Temporary Assistance Questions and Answers
Suggested Distribution:	Temporary Assistance Directors Food Stamp Directors Medical Assistance Directors Staff Development Coordinators Transitional Opportunities Program Coordinators Child Assistance Program Coordinators
Contact Person(s):	Temporary Assistance Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, extension 4-9344 Employment and Advancement Services Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 6-6106 Food Stamp Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 3-1469 Medical Assistance: Upstate Regional Representative at (518) 474-8216 New York City Representative at (212) 268-6855.
Attachments:	Attachment A: Temporary Assistance Questions and Answers
Attachment Available On Line:	yes

Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
06 INF-21 05 INF-25 05 INF-24 00 INF-19 00 INF-15 03 ADM-8 98 LCM 40 93 ADM-33 91 ADM-3 87 ADM-5		Part 351 Part 352 Part 369 Part 370 Part 372 Part 385	SSL 131-s SSL 62	Energy Manual, pp.53-54 TASB, Ch. 18	GIS 98 TA/DC008; GIS 96 TA/DCO28 LDSS-3087

Section 2

I. Purpose

OTDA's Center for Employment and Economic Supports (CEES) is charged with responding to inquiries from Local Departments of Social Services on a variety of Temporary Assistance (TA) issues. This Informational Letter (INF) contains the most recent set of questions and answers on TA issues.

II. Background

The Questions and Answers attached to this document relate only to TA and do not include questions and answers from Food Stamps (FS) or the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), although the Center for Employment and Economic Supports (CEES) continues to be responsible for all issues and questions relating to TA, FS, and HEAP.

If you have questions regarding this release, please contact the Temporary Assistance or Employment and Advancement Services Bureau directly at the above-referenced number. Policy issues relating to FS and HEAP should continue to be directed to the appropriate policy bureau.

III. Program Implications

Medicaid policy may differ from TA policy. Sanctions or requirements applying to cash programs may not apply to Medicaid. Any questions about Medicaid policy should be referred to the appropriate NYS Department of Health (DOH) local liaison.

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