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Section 1

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Attachments:	Attachment 1: FFFS 2010-11 District Allocations Attachment 2: 2010-11 Child Welfare Services Thresholds
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Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to provide each social services district with its State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010-2011 Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS) allocation. Additionally, the SFY 2010-2011 Child Welfare Services Threshold for each district’s FFFS allocation is provided.

II. Background

The Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS) is included in the Enacted 2010-11 SFY Budget at a level of \$960,000,000. As this figure represents a .48% reduction from the SFY 2009-10 appropriation, each district’s SFY 2010-11 allocation was calculated by reducing last year’s allocation by the same proportion. District allocations are provided on Attachment 1. The FFFS provides each district Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to support

local programming consistent with FFFS guidelines to fund services that best address the needs of TANF eligible individuals and the local community.

Districts are reminded that they will need to continue to be aware of their portion of the \$342,322,341 statewide Child Welfare Services threshold when determining how to dedicate their FFFS allocation. To the extent that districts have eligible claims, they must meet the child welfare threshold through child welfare expenditures under FFFS and FFFS funds transferred to Title XX, in order to receive 62 percent State child welfare services funding for any child protective services; child preventive services other than COPS; after care services; independent living services; and, adoption services and administration costs.

The following are counted towards a district's Child Welfare threshold:

- Child Welfare (EAF or 200%) Program,
- Child Welfare (EAF or 200%) Administration,
- Child Welfare Services Directly Funded Under FFFS,
- Title XX Below 200% Child Welfare, and
- Title XX Below 200% COPS.

The Child Welfare Services Thresholds, by district, are set forth in Attachment 2.

A forthcoming Administrative Directive (ADM) will provide districts with information, forms and full instructions for completing the 2010–2011 FFFS Plans and claiming instructions. Additionally, the ADM will include guidance on the collection of performance and accountability data.

III. Program Implications

The provision of FFFS allocations and Child Welfare Services thresholds will support each district's ability to plan for program expenditures in advance of full program instructions.

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