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TO: Commissioners; TA Directors; FS Directors; MA Directors; WMS Coordinators; TOP Coordinators; Staff Development Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Delay in the Implementation of the Electronic Interim Assistance Reimbursement (e-IAR) Project.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) communication is to notify Social Service Districts (SSD) of the delay by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in the implementation of the Electronic Interim Assistance Reimbursement (e-IAR) project. SSA has rescheduled the final phase of the e-IAR Project from the original date reported in 10 INF-15 of September 25, 2010 to November 20, 2010.

As you remember from previous releases, E-IAR is a project designed, implemented and mandated by the SSA to automate the current Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) paper check process. The e-IAR process does not change the actions SSDs must make to obtain IAR authorization, the determination of the interim assistance period, calculation of IAR or notification requirement. It does change the way SSDs communicate IAR information to SSA.

Once the final phase is activated, SSDs will utilize the Government to Government Services Online (GSO) to input and submit interim assistance (IA) calculations, query the e-IAR database, receive electronic communication concerning Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claimants, and receive electronic reimbursement determination information. Additionally, SSA will make all IAR payments via the Automated Clearing House (ACH) which results in the elimination of paper checks.

SSDs must continue to use the manual process identified in 08- ADM -11 until the e-IAR process is activated.

Detailed information on the e-IAR Project can be found in 10-INF-15 and 09-ADM-18.