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TO: Subscribers**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:** Commissioners, TA Directors, WMS Coordinators, Staff Development Coordinators, Investigation Staff**FROM:** Phyllis Morris, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Center for Employment and Economic Supports**SUBJECT:** Disabling Welfare Management System (WMS) Temporary Assistance (TA) Case Reason Code "M40"**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 25, 2013**CONTACT PERSON:** TA Program Questions: TA Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, ext 4-9344

The purpose of this GIS message is to inform Social Services Districts (SSD) that the functionality of WMS data-entered case reason code "M40: Intentionally Providing Incorrect Information" for TA case level denials has been disabled. SSDs can no longer use the WMS case reason code of "M40" to deny a TA applicant or generate a Client Notice System (CNS) notice of TA denial. Additionally, SSDs must not use the notice language of "M40" in a manual notice of denial.

The "M40" code was introduced in "Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator" letters dated March 28, 2006 and June 26, 2006. Since that introduction, this Office has reviewed the use of this code and concluded that current Intentional Program Violation (IPV) procedures are sufficient to determine if a TA applicant or recipient intentionally misrepresented, concealed or withheld facts pertinent to TA eligibility and program requirements, including the whereabouts and circumstances of responsible relatives.

For example, if a SSD discovers unreported resources and, after verification, determines the applicant ineligible for TA, the SSD must use an excess resource case reason code to deny the TA applicant and may pursue an IPV even though the case was not opened and no benefits were issued.

When pursuing an IPV, SSDs must follow IPV policy/procedures as detailed in 93 ADM-8, 94 INF-11 and 05 ADM-08.