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**SUBJECT:** Impact on OTDA Programs of Potential Federal Government Shutdown

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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Given the impasse in Washington, D.C. and the possibility of Congress not reaching agreement by midnight tonight (September 30) on a Continuing Resolution to extend funding for the Federal Government, we are providing information about the potential impact on Temporary Assistance, SNAP, LIHEAP and SSI.

Temporary Assistance: For the immediate short-term, TANF Family Assistance and Safety Net Assistance benefits will be unaffected. Settlement of local social services district claims will be unaffected since the State reimburses on a three-month lag.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Guidance has been issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicating that SNAP program operations will continue and eligible households will still receive monthly benefits for October.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): Guidance has been issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that any remaining outstanding HEAP benefits for the past 2012-13 HEAP season may continue to be processed and paid as usual. Districts should also continue to receive and process early outreach applications for the 2013-14 HEAP season.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI): The Federal Social Security Administration has advised that Supplemental Security Income benefits will continue uninterrupted.

We will continue to closely monitor the Federal Government situation and provide you with additional information as it becomes available.