



Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Attachments:

Section 2

In response to the outbreak of COVID-19 and in accordance with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) released GIS 20 TA/DC016 advising social services districts (districts) of the ability to conduct TA eligibility interviews, drug/alcohol screenings and domestic violence screenings by telephone through April 11, 2020. GIS 20 TA/DC016 also advised districts that Common Benefit Identification Card (CBIC) for TA applicants or recipients could be issued without photographs affixed through April 11, 2020.

The purpose of this GIS is to inform districts of the issuance of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.14 which extends previous suspensions of law and allows districts to conduct TA eligibility interviews, drug/alcohol screenings and DV screenings by telephone through May 7, 2020.

Additionally, Executive Order 202.14 allows the issuance of a CBIC for TA applicants or recipients without photographs affixed through May 7, 2020.

The expiration of provisions contained in this message may be extended by future guidance.