General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

On April 10, 2020, OTDA issued 20 TA/DC028 notifying social services districts (districts) of the issuance of Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.14 which extended previous suspensions of law and allowed districts to continue to conduct TA eligibility interviews, drug/alcohol screenings and domestic violence (DV) screenings by telephone from April 11, 2020 to May 7, 2020.

The purpose of this GIS is to inform districts of the issuance of Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.28 which again extends previous suspensions of law and allows districts to continue to conduct TA eligibility interviews, drug/alcohol screenings and DV screenings by telephone. Districts may continue to conduct these eligibility requirements by telephone through June 6, 2020. Additionally, this GIS extends the ability of districts to conduct recertification interviews by telephone from the original end date of May 15, 2020, transmitted via 20 TA/DC016, through June 6, 2020.

Executive Order 202.28 also allows an extension for the issuance of a Common Benefit Identification Card (CBIC) for TA applicants or recipients without photographs affixed through June 6, 2020.

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