General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Attachments: None

Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to notify social services districts (districts) of the reactivation of offsets for the Treasury Offset Program (TOP), beginning on October 10, 2020. This temporary suspension period that began on March 27, 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the declaration of a State disaster emergency (Executive Order 202, March 7, 2020) has ended on October 10, 2020. Claims that were previously active in TOP at the time of the suspension will be reactivated, and new claims that meet the criteria will become active in TOP. OTDA will also restart the mailing of 60-day letters beginning the week of October 13, 2020. Districts may notice an influx of review requests for a short time due to this reactivation.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Bach at: Stephen.Bach@otda.ny.gov.