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Division: Administration

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Foster Care Reimbursement

ATTACHMENTS: None

The 1991-92 Aid to Localities Budget Act requires the Department to assure that local social services districts are maximizing Federal Title IV-E funding before paying State reimbursement on federally non-participating (FNP) foster care claims. In the near future, the Department's Office of Audit and Quality Control will initiate reviews of claims submitted by selected local districts to determine if the Title IV-E category of reimbursement has been utilized in compliance with the Budget language. The reviews will also determine whether districts have utilized other sources of Federal reimbursement. (i.e., Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs.)

Over the past several years, the Department has intensified efforts to have local districts claim available federal financial participation (FP) under Title IV-E for eligible foster children (see 18 NYCRR 628.1). Especially in these difficult fiscal times, it is important to pursue available funding from all appropriate sources. Accordingly, local districts should review their foster care cases to identify expenditures eligible for federal financial participation, which have not been claimed as such. Districts may retroactively claim FP for eligible expenditures up to two years from the month of payment.

Expenditures for foster care cases which fail to comply with federal and State standards should be reported as non-reimbursable (NR) on the district's Schedule K claims, as such expenditures are the financial responsibility of the social services district.

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Please contact Richard Radzynski of the Department's Office of Financial Management at (518) 474-7527 with any fiscal questions and respective regional offices of the Division of Family and Children Service with questions regarding program requirements.

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