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Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Fall 1991 Food Stamp Regional Meetings

ATTACHMENTS: Regional Meetings Site List - not available on-line

The Division of Income Maintenance will be conducting Food Stamp Regional Meetings beginning the week of November 18, 1991 and continuing into December 1991. The agenda will focus on new Food Stamp Program changes, various corrective action and error reduction initiatives such as the new Front End Detection System (FEDS), and highlights of various Corrective Action Bureau Food Stamp training modules (i.e. household composition, earned income, unearned income, and resources). Also included will be a discussion about (FS) Disqualification Consent Agreement (DCA's) and other FS Claims issues. Additionally, we will introduce a food stamp challenge--a game format. Each district will participate in the challenge and a prize will be awarded to the winner.

Due to the agenda topics, and their impact on multiple program areas, we suggest that in addition to NPA/FS staff, PA staff who deal with FS issues, and corrective action staff who engage in error reduction activities participate in the meeting for your district. A reservation form including the number of attendee slots available per district, will be sent to your agency's staff development coordinator for completion and return to State University of New York at Albany (SUNYA) Continuing Education Program staff, who are coordinating the training enrollment. A list of meeting locations and dates is attached. More detailed information (i.e., specific meeting hours) will follow. Questions regarding the meeting agenda may be addressed to Dirck Olton by calling 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-0592. Questions regarding the meeting site may be addressed to Linda Lawrence at SUNYA by calling (518) 442-5704.

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Although the main purpose of the Regional Meetings is to provide general program and policy information, you will notice from the agenda that these forums also have a distinct error reduction orientation. Increased emphasis on error and cost reduction parallels new federal initiatives and State fiscal concerns affecting many program areas, including food stamps.

The information to be provided at these meetings should prove helpful in assisting your agency to correctly and efficiently administer the Food Stamp Program. We look forward to your agency's attendance at these meetings.

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