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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Medical Assistance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Income and Resource Collection Subsystem (IRCS)

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment I Income and Resource Collection Subsystem
Instructions
Attachment II IRCS Collectible Resource and Income Codes
(Attachments are not available on-line)

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to inform local districts, by means of the attached instructional material, how to access and update the Income and Resource Collection Subsystem (IRCS) after the Medicaid Budget Logic (MBL) has transmitted data.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 (DEFRA) mandated that each state develop an Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS). The regulation governing IEVS took effect on 10/1/86.

IEVS regulations require each state to perform several computer matches to verify eligibility for various federally reimbursed assistance programs.

The Resource File Integration (RFI) subsystem of WMS was developed as the method by which local district workers could be made aware of successful computer matches. When matches occur, on-screen RFI messages notify workers of income and resource information and, in some instances, in order to reduce errors, halt case processing until workers acknowledge that RFI matches are resolved.

As RFI use progressed, it became evident that because RFI frequently reported information already known and previously acted upon by district workers, workers tended to disregard RFI messages, thereby defeating the purpose of RFI.

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IRCS is a historical resource and income data file developed to make the RFI match/flag process more efficient by eliminating the need to report and require resolution of resource and income information already known and budgeted. IRCS should significantly reduce the number of cases flagged by RFI matching for worker follow-up. IRCS also provides for entry and storage of additional resource data, not previously collectible on WMS.

Additional details regarding how IRCS is accessed and how it collects income and resource data are contained in MBL Transmittal 89-3 issued 9/27/89.

Questions or comments should be referred to your MA county representative at 1-800-342-4100, extension 3-7581.

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