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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Family and Children
Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Match of Foster Children Against the SDX

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment is not available on-line.

Attached is a report which matches all children in foster care against the State Data Exchange (SDX), for the purpose of identifying all children in foster care who are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or who have received benefits at some time through the SSI Program, or have been terminated.

The purpose of this information is to assist local social services districts in identifying potential SSI payments which would be used to defray the cost of care, through a local district commissioner filing for representative payee status. The SSI payments would then be paid directly to a local district.

One important point is that system matches can only be done for children with Social Security Numbers (SSNs) entered into WMS. Therefore, if a district does not enter a SSN, there can be no match against the SDX tape.

Following are the codes and definitions for the payment status of those children matches:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Pay Status C	Current Pay-currently receiving SSI benefits
Pay Status H	Pending final SSI Determination
Pay Status N	NON PAY due to excess income; inmate of public institution; recipient outside U.S.; cessation of disability or blindness; refusal of vocational rehabilitation without good cause, refused treatment for drug addiction or alcoholism; recipient voluntarily withdrew from program; not a citizen or eligible alien; denied for age; disability or blind claim denied; refusal to furnish required report; terminated due to Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) or capacity for SGA; engaging in SGA despite impairment, no visual impairment.
Pay Status S	Indicates recipient may still be eligible for SSI pending but payment is being withheld (e.g., whereabouts unknown; pending the designation of a representative payee).
Pay Status T	Indicates SSI eligibility is terminated.
Pay Statux X	State Code. Indicates an individual who has left the State or a change in SSN.
Pay Status E	Eligible for Federal and/or State benefits based on eligibility computation, but no payee is due based on payment computation. Generally used when an SSI recipient enters a medical facility for one month or longer.

For those foster children in Pay Status C, a local district staff should verify if the Commissioner is receiving the benefits on behalf of the child, as Representative Payee. If not, then the local district should file as Representative Payee for the SSI benefits.

If a district is filing for SSI benefits on behalf of a foster child, the child cannot also be eligible to receive Title IV-E foster care and SSI benefits concurrently. Payments can only be received through one of these programs. It is important to note that a SSI payment for a foster child is \$445 per month, regardless of the cost of care. Title IV-E reimburses 50% of the care and maintenance, administrative costs, clothing, and any special items of need. These reimbursement differences between these two programs should be considered, when a child is eligible for both Title IV-E and SSI.

Children in all other Pay Status should have their SSI benefits status reviewed within your agency if the information is available, or if previous SSI activity is unknown, you may contact the Social Security Office in your region.

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We would welcome your comments on the use of this report, in order to determine whether it will be produced again. If the report assists in targeting revenue to offset the cost of foster care, we will continue these reports on an ongoing basis. Please call or send any comments on the report to:

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