TO: Commissioners of Maintenance Social Services

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SUBJECT: Incapacity as an ADC Deprivation Factor

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Public Assistance Staff Medical Assistance Staff Staff Development Coordinators

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DSS-329EL (Rev. 9/89)
This is to advise districts that the recently issued FSA Transmittal No: FSA-RT-90-9 upholds and reinforces the Department's policy regarding incapacity as an ADC deprivation factor.

The Department has long held that any physical or mental condition which substantially limits or eliminates the parent's ability to function in the role of breadwinner or homemaker, when documented, is sufficient to support a finding of incapacity. The condition must have an expected duration of at least 30 days but it need not be of a serious nature.

In 89 INF-25, we reminded districts of this policy and urged a careful review of two parent family cases where no deprivation had previously been found to exist.

We are taking this opportunity to share FSA Transmittal 90-9 with you and to again stress that local district staff must at each contact and at recertification carefully review two parent PG-ADC households for incapacity which the worker may have previously overlooked, thought too minor to qualify, or which did not exist at last contact.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
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