TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: AFDC and Food Stamp Data Analysis Reports with Upstate Detail for 10/1/88-9/30/89


The attached reports detail the AFDC and Food Stamp Quality Control data for the annual 10/88-9/89 period.

In the AFDC Program the Statewide error rate increased from 5.1% to 7.6% for the annual period ending 9/89. The Upstate error rate increased from 3.6% to 5.3% for the same period.

In the Food Stamp Program the Statewide error rate increased from 11.5% to 14.4% for the annual period ending 9/89. The Upstate error rate increased from 10.3% to 11.9% for the same period.

The principal Upstate error element in both the AFDC and Food Stamp Programs was Earned Income.

- In AFDC, the principal agency error was failure to budget earned income. The principal client error was the concealment of earned income.

- In Food Stamps, the principal agency error was failure to use correct budget methodology. The principal client error was failure to report increased wages.

For Corrective Actions we suggest:

1. Analyze your current RFI procedures and ensure your line staff are taking timely and accurate actions.
2. Analyze your current PA monthly reporting procedures and ensure your line staff are taking timely and accurate actions.

3. Focus on errors attributable to the examiners' failure to take appropriate action on information reported by the client.

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