TO: Commissioners of Social Services

DATE: January 11, 1991

SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB): Permanent Provision to Extend Benefits to UIB Claimants in Training

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:
- Public Assistance Staff
- Food Stamps Staff
- Employment Staff
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- Public Assistance - Charles Giambalvo, extension 4-3231
- Food Stamps - FS County Representative, extension 4-0886

ATTACHMENTS: None

FILING REFERENCES

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The purpose of this release is to notify local social services districts of the passage of Chapter 233 of the Laws of 1990 which makes permanent the statutory provisions allowing the Department of Labor to grant extended UIB benefits to a claimant attending a training course or program approved by the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL).

A UIB claimant attending a training course or program approved by NYSDOL may receive up to 13 weeks of additional UIB benefits following exhaustion of regular and other extended UIB benefits, provided that entitlement to a new benefit claim cannot be established.

The Department of Labor requires that certification of continued satisfactory participation and progress in the training course or program must be submitted to the Department of Labor prior to the payment of these extended UIB benefits.

Local districts should continue to consider these extended benefits a resource available to eliminate or reduce the need for public assistance. UIB benefits received are counted as earned income in determining a household's monthly food stamp eligibility and benefit level.

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