TO:       Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Federal Reimbursement for Cash/Medical Assistance and Administration under the Refugee/Entrant Assistance Program (R/EAP) for FFY 91

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify local districts regarding the time period and sequence of priorities for which Federal reimbursement will be available to local districts for R/EAP expenditures for Cash/Medical Assistance and Administration (CMA) claimed through the RF-6 package during FFY91 (10/90 - 9/91).

The Department has been informed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement that the Refugee Assistance nationwide appropriation is insufficient and that Grant Awards for R/EAP expenditures claimed for the period from 10/1/90 to 9/30/91 will be issued according to the following sequence of priorities from high to low:

1. Expenditures for program for unaccompanied minors, including allowable administrative costs for the program for unaccompanied minors.
2. Expenditures for the Cash/Medical Assistance and Administration costs for refugee/entrants who are otherwise eligible for Federally non-participating Cash and Medical Assistance programs (i.e. Home Relief & FNP Medical Assistance) during a refugee's first 12 months in the United States.

3. Allowable administrative costs incurred for the overall management of R/EAP.

4. Expenditures for the State share of CMA costs for refugees/entrants who are otherwise eligible for AFDC, Medicaid, SSI and Title IV-E Foster Care during a refugee's first 4 months in the United States.

Local Districts are also advised that while claims should be submitted for expenditures incurred for all 4 areas listed above, the Department is currently anticipating sufficient grant award to reimburse districts for only the first 3 areas listed. Therefore, settlement of RF-6 claims will be processed in an approach that provides reimbursement to the districts for expenditures covered by 1, 2 and 3 above.

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