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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Increase in Federal Minimum Wage Level

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind districts that the federal minimum wage level was increased from \$3.80 per hour to \$4.25 per hour, effective April 1, 1991.

The increase in the federal minimum wage may affect the employability status of certain employed public assistance recipients, i.e., those working 30 or more hours per week at minimum wage or higher, or working less than 30 hours but earning at least 30 x the hourly minimum wage. Adjustments will also have to be made to the required hours of participation for work experience (CWEP/PWP) participants whose assignments are based upon minimum wage.

Districts should review all cases involving employed recipients to redetermine employability status in accordance with Department Regulation 385. 2(b)(11), and review all work experience assignments in accordance with Department Regulation 385.12 and 385.13 to ensure that the assignment of hours is computed using the new minimum wage where appropriate. Please note that correct employability status is subject to Quality Control review and as such it is important to promptly redetermine the employability status.

Any questions concerning the issue of the increased minimum wage may be directed to your districts technical advisor from the Bureau of Employment Programs at 1-800-342-3715, extension 3-8377.

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