TO:       Local District Commissioners


ATTACHMENTS: Attachment #1: List of County Boards of Election
(Not Available On-Line)

The Election Reform Act of 1992 is intended to make voter registration forms more widely available in public agencies. The Department seeks your assistance in achieving this objective. We have agreed, in cooperation with the State Board of Elections, on an approach to increase the availability of voter registration forms without imposing any significant new burdens upon social services districts.

We have made a change on the common application form DSS-2921 to include a voter registration question and space for the applicant/recipient to check if that person desires voter registration forms. The new common application forms are now being shipped to you.

Each social services district should arrange to provide the appropriate voter registration materials to any applicant/recipient who makes such a request. To assist social services districts in meeting this objective, we have arranged for the State Board of Elections to provide each district with an initial supply of voter registration materials. This will include blank voter registration forms and a supply of posters encouraging voter registration. Additional registration forms can be obtained from your county Board of Elections. The name, address and phone number of each county Board of Elections is attached and is included as part of the voter registration form. The State Board of Elections has informed the county Boards of Elections of the participation of social services districts in the process. You may want to contact your own county Board of Elections to inform them of your participation in this program.
The voter registration forms are self-explanatory. Completed forms are to be mailed by the client to the appropriate county Board of Elections at the address shown on the back of the form.

These materials will be mailed to each social services district within the next few days. Any district that has a question or problem regarding this matter should call Diana Malkonian at (518)473-6661. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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