TO:            Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT:     Availability of a New Brochure Entitled: "Speed Up the Processing of Your Social Security or SSI Disability Claim"

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1: Pub. 1315 (2/93), "Speed Up the Processing of Your Social Security or SSI Disability Claim"
Attachment 2: Pub. 1315-s, Spanish version of Pub. 1315 (Attachments not available on line)

The Department has published a new brochure designed to encourage claimants for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits to provide the Social Security Administration with verification of their medical condition at the time they apply for these benefits.

Disability claimants who provide such medical information will generally receive a decision on their application in less time than would otherwise occur. Attached for your information are English and Spanish versions of the brochure. In addition, your agency will be sent an initial supply of brochures under separate cover. These brochures should be available in waiting areas and should also be provided by agency staff to clients when appropriate. Additional copies can be ordered by publication number directly from the Department through the normal channels.

Any questions regarding these brochures should be directed to Thomas Malvey, Office of Disability Determinations, at 1-800-342-4100, ext. 3-7144, or (518) 473-7144 or UserID AY2530.

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