TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Food Stamp Provisions of the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act: Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act

ATTACHMENTS: Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act Final Provisions - Deficit Reduction Bill, H.R. 2264 (P.L. 103-66) - not available on-line

On August 10, 1993, President Clinton signed into law his deficit reduction plan, the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA). A number of food stamp provisions, known as the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act, were included in OBRA. A summary of the final provisions is attached. The effective date for most of the changes is September 1, 1994.

A key provision of the bills is Food Stamp Quality Control Reform. This reform changes the error tolerance rate to a floating national average and uses a sliding scale to calculate penalties, retroactive to 1992. This reduces New York State's potential liability for FFY 1992 from $14,117,111 to $385,939.

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.