In June of 1984, the Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services and the Director of the State Office for the Aging (SOFA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the respective roles and responsibilities of social services districts and the area agencies on aging regarding the delivery of services to Protective Services for Adults (PSA) clients. Copies of this MOU were sent to each social services district and area agency on aging in August of 1984 as a framework to be used for the development of local MOUs. The Department and SOFA are now in the process of reviewing this MOU to determine if any revisions are necessary to update this document.

In order to obtain input from the social services districts, we will soon be sending a letter to the Directors of Services requesting them and their adult services staff to review the current MOU and to identify any revisions which they believe are necessary to update this document. SOFA also will be requesting its area agencies on aging to review and comment on the MOU. In view of the importance of interagency cooperation in the delivery of PSA, consideration should be given to reviewing the MOU with representatives from your area agency on aging and submitting joint recommendations on this document to both the Department and SOFA.
If you have any questions about this matter, please have your staff contact their adult services representative at 1-800-342-3715 as follows:

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Kathleen Crowe, extension 432-2996 - User ID# R0F017
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Thank you for your cooperation.

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