INFORMATIONAL LETTER

TO: Commissioners of Quality Social Services

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SUBJECT: State Assumption of Local Districts' Share of Supplemental Payments

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DSS-329EL (Rev. 9/89)
This release informs you that Chapter 240 of the Laws of 1994 amended Section 212 of the Social Services Law to extend the State's assumption of the local districts' share of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) supplemental payments.

Section 212 of the Social Services Law states that social services districts were responsible to pay back to the State a portion of SSI supplemental payments. This "payback" was effected through reductions of local districts' monthly advances. Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1978 amended Section 212 of the Social Services Law to include a provision which provided for State assumption of the local districts' share of the state supplementation payments under the SSI program for the period July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1980 in the upstate districts and the period October 1, 1978 through September 30, 1980 for New York City. Since that time, several chapters of the New York laws have been enacted to amend SSL 212 to extend this time period for upstate districts and NYC.

As of July 1, 1978 the State has assumed the upstate local districts' portion of the SSI supplementary payments and will continue to do so through June 30, 1996. The advances received by upstate districts will not be reduced by the local districts' share of the SSI supplemental payments.

The State takeover of New York City's share of SSI supplemental payments began October 1, 1978 and will extend through September 30, 1996. During this period New York City's advances will not be reduced by their share of SSI supplemental payments.

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