INFORMATIONAL LETTER

TO: Commissioners of Social Services

DATE: August 22, 1995

SUBJECT: Revision of Applications (DSS-2921 and DSS-2921 NYC), Recertification Forms (DSS-3174 and DSS-3174 NYC) and Accompanying "How To Complete" Publications (Pub. 1301, 1301 NYC, 1313 and 1313 NYC) and Food Stamp Applications for SSI Recipients and Group Living Residents (DSS-3035 and DSS-3035 NYC)

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Income Maintenance Directors
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Medical Assistance Directors
Services Directors
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Staff Development Coordinators
Forms Coordinators

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ATTACHMENTS: None

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DSS-329EL (Rev. 9/89)
This is to introduce minor revisions to the following mandated forms and their Spanish versions:

- **DSS-2921**: Upstate Application
- **DSS-2921 NYC**: New York City Application
- **DSS-3174**: Upstate Recertification Form
- **DSS-3174 NYC**: New York City Recertification Form
- **Pub. 1301**: "How To Complete"/Upstate Application
- **Pub. 1301 NYC**: "How To Complete"/New York City Application
- **Pub. 1313**: "How To Complete"/Upstate Recertification Form
- **Pub. 1313 NYC**: "How To Complete"/New York City Recertification Form
- **DSS-3035**: Food Stamp Application For SSI Recipients And Group Living Residents/Upstate Application
- **DSS-3035 NYC**: Food Stamp Application For SSI Recipients And Group Living Residents/New York City Application

Since it was necessary to reprint the above forms immediately after all the initial drop-shipments were made in April, we changed the Revision Date on all the forms to "4/95", corrected some typographical errors and made the following minor changes:

I. **Revision to all Applications, Recertifications and Food Stamp Applications for SSI Recipients and Group Living Residents (DSS-2921, DSS-2921 NYC, DSS-3174, DSS-3174 NYC, DSS-3035, DSS-3035 NYC)**

On the Signature Page, in the "Food Stamp Penalty Warning" section, second paragraph, the third sentence was changed to:

> THE INDIVIDUAL CAN BE FINED UP TO $250,000, SENT TO JAIL FOR UP TO 20 YEARS, OR BOTH.

This new language was mandated by the United States Department Of Agriculture.

A. In the "Shelter" section of all these publications, first sentence, the word "monthly" was deleted from "PRINT the monthly amount you pay for rent...."

This change was requested by the United States Department Of Agriculture.

*In the Pub. 1313, it is in the second sentence.

B. On the front page of all these publications, Spanish clarification was made to the translation explaining that the forms are available in Spanish.

C. Pub. 1301 and Pub. 1301 NYC Only

In the "Employment/Training" section, the following note was added:

If you are employed, you may still be eligible for Medical Assistance benefits and help with paying your child care costs.

(This Note is already contained in the Pub. 1313 and Pub. 1313 NYC.)

NOTE: The DSS-3570: "Certification Guide" must still be used with the Applications, as mandated in 85 ADM-38. Although the Applications were reformatted and now resemble the combined DSS-3174 (Upstate Recertification) (which is a combined Application and Recertification Guide in one document), the Applications do not contain the detailed worker questions that the DSS-3174 contains. Also, the DSS-3570 will be revised shortly, and local districts should have the revised version delivered in the fall of 1995.

III. Delivery Information

The new 4/95 versions of all the forms are expected to be delivered to the State (Albany) Warehouse and New York City (HRA) Warehouse by mid-August, 1995. Only those counties with back orders for these forms will automatically receive the 4/95 versions.

Local districts may use the "new" 4/95 Applications with the "old" 7/94 publications, and vice-versa, until September 29, 1995. After that date, however, all local districts should be using only the 4/95 versions, and all prior versions must be destroyed. The same applies to the Spanish versions.
Forms Ordering

Requests for English and Spanish versions of these forms should be submitted on Form WMS-47 (Rev. 9/89): "WMS Order Form" and should be sent to:

New York State Department of Social Services
Welfare Management System
PO Box 1990
Albany, New York 12201
Attention: Office of Customer Support Services

Questions concerning ordering forms should be directed to the Office of Customer Support Services by calling 1-800-343-8859, extension 6-6223.

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