TO: Commissioners of Social Services

DATE: January 14, 1997

SUBJECT: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) State Plan

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ATTACHMENTS: Matrix on Changes Resulting From TANF State Plan - available on-line

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New York State submitted an amended IV-A State Plan to the federal government on October 17, 1996 to accelerate participation in TANF. On December 13, 1996 the federal government informed the Department that the submitted State Plan was complete. This means that effective December 2, 1996 (after the end of the 45 day comment period) New York State is operating under the provisions of the new State Plan.

The purpose of this is to provide districts with notice of the changes that will result under the new State Plan. This release is purely informational; no action is to be taken by districts until further instructions are issued.

The implications of the new State Plan are outlined in the matrix attached to this INF. This matrix outlines by provision the changes that will occur, the resulting implications, the required action by the Department to initiate the changes, and the manner in which districts will receive further instructions.

The implications of the new State Plan for employment programs will be addressed by the Department of Labor under separate cover.

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