

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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To:

**Local Office Staff** 

From:

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Re:

**ÉAEDC Applicants Terminated from SSI** 

EAEDC applicants or recipients who appear to meet the age or disability standards for SSI must apply for and cooperate in the SSI application process as a condition of EAEDC eligibility. Individuals who have been terminated from SSI must reapply for SSI benefits as a condition of EAEDC eligibility. They should also be encouraged to file an appeal of their SSI termination.

Currently, the Social Security Administration is terminating SSI recipients who were formerly on SSI because of alcohol and drug issues. Many of the former SSI recipients will be applying for EAEDC. In addition to reapplying for SSI, if they have an SSI termination letter, workers should advise them to file an appeal of their SSI termination before December 31, 1996.

Workers must not delay processing EAEDC applications while waiting for a decision on either the SSI appeal or the reapplication for SSI.

## Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478.