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TO:

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FROM:

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RE:

Preparation for Statewide Implementation of PRISM II

Overview

To prepare for the statewide implementation of PRISM II, scheduled for late summer, it is necessary that certain activities occur in the months prior to implementation.

This memo identifies:

- the preparation impact on PRISM I; and
- conversion of PRISM I to PRISM II.

Impact on PRISM I As part of preparation for statewide implementation of PRISM II, PRISM I will be disconnected as of May 10, 1997.

> Local office NPA Food Stamp staff can respond to alerts up to the close of business on May 9, 1997. Alerts not responded to will not be carried over to PRISM II. These alerts will not be reissued. Therefore, it is essential that local office NPA Food Stamp staff respond to all outstanding alerts before May 10, 1997.

Conversion to PRISM II

The following information will be converted from PRISM I to PRISM II:

- data displayed on the Income History Detail screen for earned income only; and
- data displayed in the Alert History section of the AU Detail screen for both earned and unearned income.

Implementation of PRISM II

Matches Run Until Prior to implementation, the following matches will be issued as either a CIP or as a report:

> Note: The CIPs/reports have been run and issued to the local office for the month of April.

- DOR Wage will be issued as a CIP
- DET Unemployed Compensation will be issued as a CIP

Note: Refer to Systems User's Guide, Volume 2: FMCS User's Guide, Chapter II: Data Entry and Retrieval for information on the DOR Wage Match and the DET Unemployed Compensation Match.

DOR New Hire - will be issued as a report

Note: Refer to Field Operations Memo 94-12 and Field Operations Memo 94-45 and Systems User's Guide. Volume 6: Special Field Reports User's Guide, Chapter IV: DOR New Hire Match for information on the DOR New Hire report.

Future Information

In the future, you will be receiving additional information in preparation for statewide implementation of PRISM II.

Questions

If you have any policy or procedure-related questions, have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478. Systems-related questions should be referred to Customer Support Services at (617) 348-5290.