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TO: Transitional Assistance Office Staff

FROM: Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

RE: PRISM II Preparation Activities for Roslindale BEACON Pilot

Introduction

PRISM II is the system through which data will be transferred from PACES to BEACON. Beginning with BEACON startup, transactions data-entered on PACES will be processed through PRISM II to BEACON. A one-time only statewide data transfer must be completed prior to the pilot startup. Once this is done, transactions will be updated daily by a system link between PRISM II and BEACON.

**PRISM II
Activity
Highlights**

Prior to the Roslindale BEACON pilot, certain PRISM II preparation activities will be completed by Central Office Systems staff. These activities are:

- Reconciliation between the PACES and PRISM II databases to add missing recipients and assistance units to PRISM II.
- One-time statewide data conversion from PRISM II to BEACON.
- Full test of the system links between PRISM II and BEACON.

Reconciliation between the PACES and PRISM II databases is scheduled to run March 17, 1998. PRISM II will be unavailable for the entire day.

**PRISM II
Conversion
to BEACON**

PRISM II will also be unavailable to TAO staff during data conversion from PRISM II to BEACON. Directors and Assistant Directors will be notified of these dates, and must advise their staffs accordingly.

Note: Alerts with responses due on dates when PRISM II is unavailable will show as overdue alerts when PRISM II is available again. Whenever possible, these alerts should be responded to before the due date to keep the number of overdue alerts to a minimum.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your hotline designee contact Systems Customer Support Services and (517) 348-5290.