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TO:

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FROM:

Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

RE:

Delay in January DEFRA and Acosta Payments

Delay in January DEFRA and Acosta Payments DOR has identified a problem which impacts DTA's providing the *DEFRA* payment and the *Acosta* payment to TAFDC recipients. The *DEFRA* payment normally issued to recipients around the twelfth of the month will be delayed. DOR is working to correct this problem as soon as possible and it is anticipated that the *DEFRA* payments will be issued before the end of January.

The December *Acosta* payment is still pending DOR's correction of the problem. (Refer to the e-mail of 12/16/98 to Transitional Assistance Office Directors.) Once the problem is resolved, the December and January *Acosta* payments will be run.

Notice

The following notice will be sent to all active TAFDC recipients advising them of the delay in the January support payments from the Department.

Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance Notice about Delayed January Support Payments

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has identified a problem that will cause a delay in the issuance of the January support payments, such as the maximum \$50 support payments, from the Department of Transitional Assistance. DOR will be correcting the problem as soon as possible, at which time the support payments will be issued.

The Department regrets any inconvenience this delay may cause.

Questions

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