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Field Operations Memo 99-10 J
September 20, 1999

To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff

From:  Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

Re: *Smith v. McIntire* Lawsuit

Background

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) mailed a notice to all recipients and former recipients possibly impacted by the *Smith v. McIntire* Lawsuit. The notice asked these people to respond to the mailing by returning the request for reinstatement to MLRI. MLRI returned the requests to the Department of Transitional Assistance's Legal Division.

Results of MLRI Mailing

As a result of an earlier DTA mailing, several of the MLRI requests for reinstatement are repeat requests previously received by the Legal Division and acted upon by the Transitional Assistance Offices. These requests require no additional Transitional Assistance Office Worker action at this time. These requests will be denied by the Legal Division using Attachment A. A copy of the MLRI request for reinstatement as well as a copy of the denial letter will be faxed to the appropriate Transitional Assistance Office. These documents must be filed in the case record.

MLRI requests for reinstatement which are not repeat requests previously received by the Legal Division are being forwarded to the appropriate Transitional Assistance Office as detailed in Field Operations Memo 99-10 G. Transitional Assistance Office Workers should follow instructions in Field Operations Memo 99-10 G or I, as appropriate, to process these cases.

Questions

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



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Attachment A

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

Your request of _____ for reinstatement of your TAFDC benefits is denied.

The reason for this denial is that you previously requested a reinstatement of benefits under the court's order in the SMITH lawsuit, and the Department has processed that request for reinstatement. (Smith v. McIntire, Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. 990-1044C).

If you do not agree with this decision you have the right to a fair hearing. The reverse side of this notice contains important information about your hearing rights. To request a hearing complete the reverse side of this notice.

If your case has closed, you may reapply for benefits at any time.

- Please contact your Transitional Assistance Office if you have any questions or call Recipient Services at 1-800-445-6604.

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