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## FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS**

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**FROM: KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA**

**RE: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - \$50 CHILD SUPPORT DISREGARD**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OPA/ DIVISION OF PROGRAM POLICY AND  
REGULATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In determining Medical Assistance eligibility, the first \$50 of monthly child support payments is disregarded in determining financial eligibility.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Effective October 1, 1996, the first \$50 will not be included in the customer's countable income for Medical Assistance as previously indicated in Action Transmittal 97-23. It will still be included in the cash assistance and food stamp calculations. A workaround has been established to ensure correct amount of unearned income is counted for each program.

**AIMS** No change required in processing.

**CARES** Access the case through Option "O" (Interview. Fast path to the UINC screen. Enter the entire amount of child support and code "OA" (Other countable cash assistance only) for cash assistance and "OF" (Other countable food stamp only) for food stamp calculation. Enter the actual child support minus \$50 and code as "MU" (Medical assistance countable only) on the UINC screen. Coding the child support income as indicated above will allow the entire amount being received to be used in the cash assistance and food stamp calculations and the actual amount of child support being received minus the first \$50 to be used in the medical assistance calculation.

**ACTION REQUIRED OF:** All Local Departments

**ACTION DUE DATE:** October 1, 1996.

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