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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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FROM: KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA

RE: 1998 BENEFIT ISSUANCE SCHEDULES AND CUT-OFF DATES

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE AND FOOD
STAMPS**

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESEARCH

The benefit issuance schedules for Temporary Cash Assistance and for Food Stamps during 1998 for the AIMS system and the CARES system are attached. The 1998 cut-off dates for AIMS and CARES are also attached.

The planned CARES implementation date for Baltimore City is March 1, 1998. Because of conversion and possible problems with specific cases, some cases may need to be carried on AIMS after this date. When Baltimore City has been completely converted to CARES, the AIMS schedules that are attached will become void and all jurisdictions will use the CARES schedules.

Direct policy questions to Yolanda M. Parker at (410) 767-7259. Direct questions about the systems to the DHR Help Desk at (410) 767-7002 or 1-800-347-1350.

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CARES

1998 INDEPENDENCE CARD
BENEFIT AVAILABILITY DATES

TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

IF YOUR LAST NAME
BEGINS WITH:

	A-F	G-P	Q-Z
JANUARY	JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4
FEBRUARY	FEB 2	FEB 3	FEB 4
MARCH	MAR 2	MAR 3	MAR 4
APRIL	APR 2	APR 3	APR 4
MAY	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4
JUNE	JUN 2	JUN 3	JUN 4
JULY	JUL 2	JUL 3	JUL 4
AUGUST	AUG 2	AUG 3	AUG 4
SEPTEMBER	SEP 2	SEP 3	SEP 4
OCTOBER	OCT 2	OCT 3	OCT 4
NOVEMBER	NOV 2	NOV 3	NOV 4
DECEMBER	DEC 2	DEC 3	DEC 4

FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

IF YOUR LAST NAME
BEGINS WITH:

	A-C	D-H	I-O	P-S	T-Z
JANUARY	JAN 6	JAN 7	JAN 8	JAN 9	JAN 10
FEBRUARY	FEB 6	FEB 7	FEB 8	FEB 9	FEB 10
MARCH	MAR 6	MAR 7	MAR 8	MAR 9	MAR 10
APRIL	APR 6	APR 7	APR 8	APR 9	APR 10
MAY	MAY 6	MAY 7	MAY 8	MAY 9	MAY 10
JUNE	JUN 6	JUN 7	JUN 8	JUN 9	JUN 10
JULY	JUL 6	JUL 7	JUL 8	JUL 9	JUL 10
AUGUST	AUG 6	AUG 7	AUG 8	AUG 9	AUG 10
SEPTEMBER	SEP 6	SEP 7	SEP 8	SEP 9	SEP 10
OCTOBER	OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10
NOVEMBER	NOV 6	NOV 7	NOV 8	NOV 9	NOV 10
DECEMBER	DEC 6	DEC 7	DEC 8	DEC 9	DEC 10

AIMS

1998 INDEPENDENCE CARD
BENEFIT AVAILABILITY DATES

TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

IF YOUR CASE NUMBER ENDS WITH:	0-3	4-6	7-9
JANUARY	JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4
FEBRUARY	FEB 1	FEB 2	FEB 3
MARCH	MAR 1	MAR 2	MAR 3
APRIL	APR 1	APR 2	APR 3
MAY	MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3
JUNE	JUN 1	JUN 2	JUN 3
JULY	JUL 1	JUL 2	JUL 3
AUGUST	AUG 1	AUG 2	AUG 3
SEPTEMBER	SEP 1	SEP 2	SEP 3
OCTOBER	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3
NOVEMBER	NOV 1	NOV 2	NOV 3
DECEMBER	DEC 1	DEC 2	DEC 3

FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

IF YOUR CASE NUMBER ENDS WITH:	0-1	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9
JANUARY	JAN 6	JAN 7	JAN 8	JAN 9	JAN 10
FEBRUARY	FEB 6	FEB 7	FEB 8	FEB 9	FEB 10
MARCH	MAR 6	MAR 7	MAR 8	MAR 9	MAR 10
APRIL	APR 6	APR 7	APR 8	APR 9	APR 10
MAY	MAR 6	MAR 7	MAR 8	MAR 9	MAR 10
JUNE	JUN 6	JUN 7	JUN 8	JUN 9	JUN 10
JULY	JUL 6	JUL 7	JUL 8	JUL 9	JUL 10
AUGUST	AUG 6	AUG 7	AUG 8	AUG 9	AUG 10
SEPTEMBER	SEP 6	SEP 7	SEP 8	SEP 9	SEP 10
OCTOBER	OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 9	OCT 10
NOVEMBER	NOV 6	NOV 7	NOV 8	NOV 9	NOV 10
DECEMBER	DEC 6	DEC 7	DEC 8	DEC 9	DEC 10

1998 AIMS BENEFIT ISSUANCE CUT-OFF DATES

<u>CUT-OFF DATES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION #</u>	<u>PRODUCTION DATES</u>
TUE. DEC. 30, 1997	1	WED. DEC. 31, 1997
WED. JAN. 7, 1998	2	THU. JAN. 8, 1998
THU. JAN. 29, 1998	1	FRI. JAN. 30, 1998
FRI. FEB. 6, 1998	2	SAT. FEB. 7, 1998
THU. FEB. 26, 1998	1	FRI. FEB. 27, 1998
FRI. MAR. 6, 1998	2	SAT. MAR. 7, 1998
MON. MAR. 30, 1998	1	TUES. MAR. 31, 1998
TUE. APR. 7, 1998	2	WED. APR. 8, 1998
WED. APR. 29, 1998	1	THU. APR. 30, 1998
THU. MAY 7, 1998	2	FRI. MAY 8, 1998
THU. MAY 28, 1998	1	FRI. MAY 29, 1998
MON. JUN. 8, 1998	2	TUE. JUN. 9, 1998
MON. JUN 29, 1998	1	TUE. JUN 30, 1998
TUE. JUL. 7, 1998	2	WED. JUL 8, 1998
THU. JUL. 30, 1998	1	FRI. JUL. 31, 1998
FRI. AUG. 7, 1998	2	SAT. AUG. 8, 1998
FRI. AUG. 28, 1998	1	SAT. AUG. 29, 1998
TUE. SEP. 8, 1998	2	WED. SEP. 9, 1998
TUE. SEP. 29, 1998	1	WED. SEP. 30, 1998
WED. OCT. 7, 1998	2	THU. OCT. 8, 1998
THU. OCT. 29, 1998	1	FRI. OCT. 30, 1998
FRI. NOV. 6, 1998	2	SAT. NOV. 7, 1998
TUES. NOV. 24, 1998	1	WED. NOV. 25, 1998
TUE. DEC. 8, 1998	2	WED. DEC. 9, 1998
WED. DEC. 30, 1998	1	THUR. DEC. 31, 1998

1998 CARES CUT-OFF DATES

<u>CUT-OFF DATES</u>	<u>SYSTEM NOT AVAILABLE</u>	<u>SYSTEM LATE AVAILABILITY</u>
FRI. JAN. 30, 1998	SAT. JAN. 31, 1998	TUE. FEB. 3, 1998
FRI. FEB 27, 1998	SAT. FEB. 28, 1998	TO BE DETERMINED
MARCH'S MONTH BEGIN DATES ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY BALTIMORE CITY'S CONVERSION TO CARES		
MON. MAR. 30, 1998	TUE. MAR. 31, 1998	THU. APR. 2, 1998
WED. APR. 29, 1998	THU. APR. 30, 1998	SAT. MAY 2, 1998
FRI. MAY 29, 1998	SAT. MAY 30, 1998	TUE. JUN. 2, 1998
MON. JUN. 29, 1998	TUE. JUN. 30, 1998	THU. JUL. 2, 1998
FRI. JUL. 31, 1998	SAT. AUG. 1, 1998	TUE. AUG. 4, 1998
FRI. AUG. 28, 1998	SAT. AUG. 29, 1998	WED. SEP. 2, 1998
TUE. SEP. 29, 1998	WED. SEP. 30, 1998	FRI. OCT. 2, 1998
FRI. OCT. 30, 1998	SAT. OCT. 31, 1998	TUE. NOV. 3, 1998
FRI. NOV. 27, 1998	SAT. NOV. 28, 1998	WED. DEC. 2, 1998
WED. DEC. 30, 1998	THU. DEC. 31, 1998	TUE. JAN. 5, 1999

NOTE: THE CARES SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON ON THE DATES IDENTIFIED AS SYSTEM LATE AVAILABILITY DATES.