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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

FROM: ROBERT J. EVERHARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: ELIMINATION OF THE 14-DAY DELAY FOR TCA APPLICATIONS

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY:

The 14-day delay provision was introduced as a cash assistance requirement in November 1995. As part of the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) application process, the initial TCA benefit received was prorated from the 14th day after the date of application. The only exceptions to the 14-day delay were cases closed in error by the local department or the application is to cure a TCA sanction in the first non-pay month.

The Welfare Innovation Act of 2000 eliminates the 14-day delay for TCA applications. Effective July 1, 2000, prorate initial TCA benefits from the date of application.

There is no change in the type of cases that are not prorated. The only exceptions to proration remain cases closed in error by the local department or applications curing a TCA sanction in the first non-pay month. The date of application remains the first day of the month of application for these cases.

CARES PROCEDURES FOR THE 14-DAY DELAY FIELD:

The case manager must complete the following action for all new applications taken on or after July 1, 2000:

- In **Option O** (Interview) on the TCA AU **STAT** screen, enter **Y** in the 14-day override field.
- Complete all required information to process the case.

ACTION DUE:

For all applications taken on or after July 1, 2000.

INQUIRIES

Please direct TCA policy questions to Edna McAbier at 410.767.8805 and Systems questions to Gina Roberts 410.238.1297.

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