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

FROM: CHARLES E. HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: APPLICATIONS FOR SSI AND SSDI

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: TRANSITIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND HOUSING
ASSISTANCE**

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY:

Customers with disabilities of twelve months or more who are applying or reapplying for Transitional Emergency, Medical and Housing Assistance (TEMHA) must apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This information must be verified with a receipt from the Social Security Administration (SSA) indicating that an application was filed. If the customer fails to provide the requested verification deny or close the case.

Disability Entitlement and Assistance Program (DEAP) will continue to assist severely disabled individuals in establishing eligibility for federal disability programs. DEAP will no longer be responsible for the initial step to ensure that the customer applies for SSDI or SSI. The local department must inform TEMHA customers with disabilities of twelve months or more that it is their responsibility to provide this information to the caseworker as a condition of eligibility to receive cash benefits.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct questions to Rick McClendon (410) 767- 8513.

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