


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

FROM: *Charles E. Henry for*
KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA

RE: CIS AVAILABILITY FOR 1997

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: ALL PROGRAMS

ORIGINATING OFFICE: DIVISION OF PROGRAM AND SYSTEMS SUPPORT

Background:

Each year the Division of Program and Systems Support outlines the anticipated days that CIS will not be available. Below is the expected schedule of 1997 "CIS down time".

Tuesday, December 31, 1996
Saturday, February 1, 1997
Saturday, March 1, 1997
Saturday, March 29, 1997
Wednesday, April 30, 1997
Saturday, May 31, 1996
Saturday, June 28, 1997
Thursday, July 31, 1997
Saturday, August 30, 1997
Tuesday, September 30, 1997
Saturday, November 1, 1997
Thursday, November 27, 1997
Wednesday, December 31, 1997

For additional weekend availability statuses, type "Weekend" on the Annapolis Data Center screen and press enter. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the DHR Help Desk at (410) 767-7002 or 1-800-347-1350.

Action Required:

No action is required by local departments.

KM/dh

cc: DHR Executive Staff
IMA Management Staff
Help Desk
CTF
DHMH



June 3, 1996

Dear Customer:

You are currently receiving General Public Assistance or AFDC for Pregnant Woman cash benefits because you are pregnant and have no other children living with you. Your benefit has been \$209 per month. Because of cutbacks in the State budget, your benefits will be less as of July 1, 1996.

If you are receiving General Public Assistance for Pregnant Women and have no other income, your benefit will be \$150. If you are at least six months pregnant, the benefit is \$165. Your Food Stamps stay the same or go up and you are still eligible for WIC. When your child is born, your benefit will go up to \$292.

As soon as your baby is born, it is very important to tell your case worker. Send or bring proof of the birth and proof that you have applied for a Social Security number for your baby. The hospital will provide this information upon your request.

Most importantly, keep all of your doctor visits. This is the best way to make sure you have a happy, healthy baby. Your Medical Assistance will pay for the visits.

Staff at your local department of social services are ready to assist you. You may call the local office with questions, or call the Department of Human Resources Hotline toll-free number 1-800-332-6347.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Collins
Secretary



June 14, 1996

Dear GPA-PW Customer:

Several weeks ago we sent you a notice explaining a reduction in your benefits. **Please disregard that notice.**

You are now receiving \$209 for General Public Assistance for Pregnant Women (GPA-PW) because you are pregnant, have no other children living with you and have no other income. Because of cutbacks in the State budget, your benefit will be less. As of July 1, 1996, your benefit will be \$125.

Your Food Stamps will either stay the same or go up, and you are still eligible for WIC. Most importantly, you must keep all of your doctor visits. This is the best way to make sure you have a healthy, happy baby. Your Medical Assistance will pay for the visits.

Staff at your local department of social services are ready to assist you. You may call the local office with questions, or call the Department of Human Resources Hotline toll-free number 1-800-332-6347.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvin C. Collins', written in a cursive style.

Alvin C. Collins
Secretary