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

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

**RE: AGE REQUIREMENT**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE**

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

Under AFDC regulations a child met the technical factor of age if under 18. A child who was a full time student in secondary school or an equivalent program was eligible if the child would graduate before the 19th birthday. Under the waiver, a child met eligibility if under the age of 18 or if a full time student who would graduate within the calendar year that he turns 19.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 has redefined the age requirement. This Action Transmittal provides the new age requirement for TCA.

### **NEW POLICY:**

A child meets the technical factor of age if:

- \* Under age 18 or,
- \* Under age 19 and a full time student in secondary school or an equivalent program,
- \* Expected to graduate from secondary school or an equivalent program in the calendar year he turns 19. **(NOTE: This child's benefit is totally state funded if he turns 19 before graduating.)**

Eligibility ends effective the month after the month the child turns 18 or 19 and is no longer a full time student or graduates.



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**ACTION DUE DATE:**

The policy is effective December 9, 1996 for applicants and at first redetermination or interim change after January 1, 1997 for recipients.

**INQUIRIES:**

Inquiries may be directed to Patricia Jeffers, Division of Program Policy and Regulations, at 410 767-7143.

**KM/bbs**

**cc: DHR Executive Staff  
FIA Management Staff  
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