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FIA INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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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: DISCONTINUING THE PPI RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY
FORM

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESEARCH

SUMMARY:

In January 1997, Primary Prevention Initiative (PPI) requirements for health and education were incorporated in the Family Investment Program (FIP). Accordingly, most forms and related processes pertaining to PPI were made obsolete. Since the PPI policies which have continued are part of FIP, it is no longer necessary to have a separate PPI Rights and Responsibilities form. This Information Memo makes that form, the DHR/FIA/PPI/1126, obsolete.

CONTINUING POLICIES AND PROVISIONS:

- Customers must provide proof of health examinations once every year for children from birth to six years.
- Customers must verify once every year that school age children (7 in the calendar year through 18 years) are attending school at least 80% of the time.
- Customers who fail to meet health or education requirements can avoid a disallowance only by claiming good cause if they have an active case in Child Protective services (CPS), Intensive Family Services (IFS), or Families Now (FN).

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- Customers who do not meet the PPI requirements without good cause receive a disallowance of \$25 per month for every child out of compliance.
- Adult customers in the assistance unit and children who will be age 7 or older by the end of the calendar year are eligible for annual health bonus payments of \$20 with proof of a physical check-up in the current calendar year.
- Customers are no longer required to declare a willingness to comply with PPI requirements at the time of application.
- Case managers should continue to emphasize customer rights and responsibilities under the Family Investment Program at each application and redetermination.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct inquiries to George VanHook at (410) 767-7696.

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