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**FROM: *Robert J. Everhard*
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RE: BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PILOT PROGRAM

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TCA PROGRAM

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY RESEARCH & SYSTEMS

The Family Investment Administration in conjunction with the Baltimore City Community College is conducting a two-year pilot program designed to evaluate the importance of education as a means to financial independence. Temporary Cash Assistance customers who meet the criteria listed below have their educational activities counted as a work activity:

- they are currently enrolled in a full-time certificate or Associated of Arts program at the Baltimore City Community College or
- they had dropped out of a BCCC program and in 1998 they re-registered at BCCC for a certificate or AA program, and
- they maintain a passing grade.

Since FIA is in the process of evaluating this project, we want to ensure consistent statewide procedures. Now that the project is maturing, some of the participants are moving to other jurisdictions. When a customer moves from one jurisdiction to another, we are asking the new jurisdiction to count the customer's participation in the BCCC pilot project as a stand alone work activity.