## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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## LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 25, 1997

Division: Temporary Assistance

TO:

Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1996-97 HEAP Shutdown: JUNE 30, 1997

ATTVACHMENTS: None

This is to advise you that Monday, June 30, 1997 has been designated as the closing date for the regular <u>and</u> emergency component of the 1996-97 Home Energy Assistance Program (HFAP).

All local departments of social services and alternate certifiers for regular and emergency benefits must continue to accept applications and requests for applications through the close of business (COB) on June 30, 1997.

Requests for appointments to apply for regular or emergency benefits made on or before June 30, 1997 must be honored even if the certifier is unable to schedule the appointment before COB on June 30, 1997.

Energy emergencies which occur after the closing of the HEAP emergency component must be handled in accordance with the procedures for providing emergency public assistance.

Referrals to your local weatherization provider for furnace replacements will continue.

Please share this information with other local certifiers.

If there are any questions, please contact your regional liaisons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Patricia A. Stevens

Deputy Commissioner,

Division of Temporary Assistance