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TO: Local District Commissioners, IM Directors, FS Directors,
WMS Coordinators, CAP Coordinators
FROM: Patricia A. Stevens, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Temporary
Assistance
SUBJECT: Social Security Administration (SSA) Mailout

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: FS questions - Regional Representatives: Region I
(518) 473-0332; Region II (518) 474-9433;
Region III (518) 474-9307; Region IV (518) 474-9300;
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As stated in GIS Messages 98 TA/DC020 and GIS 98 TA/DC026, the Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act (AREERA) of 1998 restores the federal food stamp eligibility of certain qualified aliens. We have been advised by the United States Department of Agriculture that SSA will be sending a letter to immigrants in receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The letter will notify immigrants on SSI of their upcoming potential federal Food Stamp eligibility. The mailing will be staggered over three days, October 5th, 6th and 7th.

The letter advises people to contact their local food stamp office. It also tells them that if everyone in the household is in receipt of or applying for SSI, they may apply for food stamps at the local SSA office. If local districts receive inquiries as a result of this notice, they should be handled in accordance with instructions contained in GIS Messages 98 TA/DC020 and GIS 98 TA/DC026.