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TO:

Local Office Staff

FROM:

Joyce Sampson Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

RE: Revised Supervisory Signoff Requirements

This memo provides revised requirements for supervisory signoff and obsoletes earlier instructions in Field Operations Memo 92-49 <u>Supervisory Signoff Requirements</u> dated October 21, 1992.

Effective immediately, supervisory review and signoff is required in all of the following circumstances:

- (1) New TAFDC, AFDC, EAEDC, EA and Food Stamp cases,
- (2) Reopened TAFDC, AFDC, EAEDC and Food Stamp cases including cases that reopen within 30 days of closing,
- (3) Cases in which a sanction is imposed which results in removal of an assistance unit member or the closing of a case,
- (4) Increases and decreases in grants,
- (5) Child care authorizations and transportation payments,
- (6) Family Cap instances (adding or denying a child to the grant),
- (7) Q payments,
- (8) Address changes,
- (9) BSI referrals,
- (10) Issuance of Emergency Cards (paper cards issued when the IIS is not functioning) and "Valid Without Photo" IIS cards,
- (11) Disability Supplements to United HealthCare,

- (12) Employment Development Plans (EDPs),
- (13) Emergency Assistance approvals and denials, and
- (14) Other situations as determined by the local office director.

A supervisor's signature means that he or she has reviewed the documentation and approves the case action. Therefore, before signing off on one of the above actions, a supervisor must:

- (1) Review the applicable documentation to verify correctness,
- (2) Review any manual notices for accuracy of reason(s) and appropriate manual citations, and
- (3) Review the accuracy of the data, codes, etc. and sign the applicable input documents; i.e., PID, PACES Worksheet, Invoice for Special Services, etc.

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