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SUBJECT: Systems Changes to Support the Family Health Plus Program

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WMS is being revised to support a new Case Type for the Family Health Plus (FHP) program. Applications will begin to be taken by local districts in September 2001, with enrollment in FHP beginning October 1, 2001. A WMS Coordinator Letter will be issued later this summer containing the details of the WMS systems changes.

With the upcoming WMS migration, the following systems revisions will be available on WMS July 9, 2001 (Migration 2001.2).

1. Whenever a Safety Net cash assistance case is closed, with Reason Code E30 (Excess Income - No TMA) or U40 (Excess resources), the system will review the ABEL budget to determine if the total household income is less than or equal to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). If the answer is yes, the MA Extension Reason Code will be set to 758 (MA continuing until a separate determination). This means that upstate Safety Net cases, previously not given a one month extension, will as of July 9, receive the extension if the conditions explained in this paragraph exist.

All Safety Net cases, which receive an extension and are reviewed prior to September 1, should be reviewed for Medicaid eligibility and, if not eligible, closed with the appropriate reason code. Cases reviewed on or after September 1, 2001, should be reviewed for Medicaid and Family Health Plus eligibility and, if eligible for FHP, contacted about enrollment in a Family Health Plus plan. If ineligible, close with the appropriate reason code.

2. The Medicaid Budget Logic (MBL) will be enhanced to include the FHP eligibility calculation for families up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 100% of the FPL for singles and childless couples. In order to support this, a new heading for FHP will appear on the Expanded

Eligibility Screen. The previous single Expanded Screen will now be two screens, to accommodate FHP and future Medicaid expansion. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 01-2 for the details.