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I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to publish the 2008-09 Work Incentive Fund (WIF) allocations (Attachment 1) for each local department of social services (“district”). The Work Incentive Funds were appropriated as part of the budget enacted for State Fiscal Year (SFY) April 2008-March 2009. (See Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2008.) The Local Administration Funds (LAF) base allocations were issued to districts in 08-LCM-06, “Local Administration Fund (LAF) Base Allocations 2008-2009,” dated July 17, 2008.

II. Background

Beginning in SFY 2006-07, \$11.4 million in Work Incentive Funds were appropriated as part of the LAF appropriation. These Work Incentive Funds were appropriated to support district efforts to engage parents in work and reward districts that achieve high performance standards. The SFY 2008-09 LAF is again funded at \$322 million, which includes \$11.4 million in WIF.

III. Program Implications

As first instituted for the base LAF in SFY 2005-06, district performance was considered in the development of the LAF and WIF allocations and although a heavier weighting on performance was considered, it was determined most appropriate for the 2008-09 time period to maintain allocations at the SFY 2007-08 level to provide local districts consistent funding for SFY 2008-09 and allow districts to focus on the work participation requirements imposed under TANF reauthorization.

Note: Counties should be aware that prospectively the integration of performance factors into the calculation of the LAF/WIF allocations may take on a greater weighting factor and seek to reward districts who have met higher performance standards.

As required by subdivision 17 of section 153 of Social Services Law, districts achieving at least a 50% work participation rate in either of the following two categories will earn these funds: TANF-funded assistance cases and MOE-funded Safety Net families. The amount of Work Incentive Funds for each category is displayed on Attachment A. The TANF-funded assistance cases and the MOE-funded Safety Net Families are the two categories required under TANF to achieve a work participation rate of at least 50% to comply with the federally-mandated combined "all families" 50% work participation rate effective October 1, 2006.

To earn either or both 2008-09 WIF allocations, districts will need to achieve the 50% work participation rates without the benefit of the statewide caseload reduction credit.

Districts that achieve the minimum 50% work participation rate in either or both categories will be paid their earned WIF during the January to March 2009 quarter, as a bottom line adjustment on the RF2A State settlement. If one rate is achieved, but not the other, only the funds for the category achieved will be paid. The determination of whether a district achieved the required work participation rates will be based on the respective monthly average work participation rate for the period October 2007-September 2008.

Although it is not mandated that districts spend their earned WIF on employment services, it is recommended that each district ensure that sufficient resources through LAF, Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS), and other sources are directed as needed to achieve the mandated 50% work participation rate.

IV. Additional Information

The LAF covers local district claims for calendar year 2008 and any supplemental claims that are submitted by February 3, 2009.

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Attachment 1

2008-09 Work Incentive Allocations

Districts	TANF Rate	SNA MOE	Total
ALBANY	76,321	76,321	152,642
ALLEGANY	13,064	13,064	26,128
BROOME	53,642	53,642	107,284
CATTARAUGUS	18,926	18,925	37,851
CAYUGA	16,541	16,541	33,082
CHAUTAUQUA	33,099	33,099	66,198
CHEMUNG	18,705	18,705	37,410
CHENANGO	6,680	6,680	13,360
CLINTON	19,305	19,304	38,609
COLUMBIA	9,469	9,469	18,938
CORTLAND	12,578	12,578	25,156
DELAWARE	8,974	8,973	17,947
DUTCHESS	28,473	28,473	56,946
ERIE	266,223	266,224	532,447
ESSEX	7,166	7,166	14,332
FRANKLIN	12,292	12,292	24,584
FULTON	11,821	11,821	23,642
GENESEE	10,517	10,518	21,035
GREENE	9,229	9,230	18,459
HAMILTON	555	556	1,111
HERKIMER	9,957	9,957	19,914
JEFFERSON	19,141	19,140	38,281
LEWIS	4,449	4,449	8,898
LIVINGSTON	14,656	14,655	29,311
MADISON	5,718	5,718	11,436
MONROE	122,555	122,555	245,110
MONTGOMERY	7,360	7,361	14,721
NASSAU	120,277	120,277	240,554
NIAGARA	43,975	43,975	87,950
ONEIDA	58,369	58,369	116,738
ONONDAGA	132,600	132,599	265,199
ONTARIO	13,993	13,994	27,987
ORANGE	66,026	66,025	132,051
ORLEANS	8,046	8,047	16,093
OSWEGO	26,344	26,344	52,688
OTSEGO	6,287	6,287	12,574
PUTNAM	8,829	8,828	17,657
RENSSELAER	19,526	19,527	39,053
ROCKLAND	73,174	73,174	146,348
ST.LAWRENCE	33,860	33,860	67,720
SARATOGA	12,789	12,788	25,577
SCHENECTADY	30,830	30,829	61,659
SCHOHARIE	6,321	6,322	12,643
SCHUYLER	3,210	3,210	6,420
SENECA	5,262	5,262	10,524
STEUBEN	20,878	20,877	41,755
SUFFOLK	256,559	256,560	513,119
SULLIVAN	16,640	16,641	33,281
TIOGA	10,517	10,517	21,034
TOMPKINS	14,942	14,942	29,884
ULSTER	23,744	23,744	47,488
WARREN	7,468	7,467	14,935
WASHINGTON	9,314	9,314	18,628
WAYNE	11,729	11,729	23,458
WESTCHESTER	221,415	221,415	442,830
WYOMING	4,822	4,822	9,644
YATES	3,849	3,850	7,699
TOTAL UPSTATE	2,089,011	2,089,011	4,178,022
NEW YORK CITY	3,610,989	3,610,989	7,221,978
STATEWIDE	5,700,000	5,700,000	11,400,000