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TO: Commissioners; Employment Coordinators; TA and FS Directors; WMS Coordinators, WTWCMS Liaisons; Staff Development Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Revised LDSS-4921: "Working Families Food Stamp Initiative Screening Sheet"

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2009

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The purpose of this message is to inform upstate local social services districts (districts) about the revised LDSS-4921(rev 7/09): "Working Families Food Stamp Initiative Screening Sheet" and to advise districts to begin using the 7/09 revised form for all NTA FS applications effective immediately.

GIS 09 TA/DC015, released 6/30/09, informed local districts of the increase to the federal minimum wage that went into effect on July 24, 2009. Additionally, the GIS described the effects that the increased minimum wage will have on Temporary Assistance (TA) and Food Stamp (FS) program requirements, including Food Stamp work exemptions and the Working Families Food Stamp Initiative screening process.

Note: The revised LDSS-4921 form is attached and must be used to screen all applications for NTA food stamp benefits. Any local districts using an approved local equivalent form should submit an updated local equivalent form reflecting the increased federal minimum wage standard to Jacqueline Brace. The document may be e-mailed to Ms. Brace at gg7359@dfa.state.ny.us or mailed to her at the following address:

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