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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Division: Services and  
Community  
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Status of Title IV-E Independent Living Program

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise local commissioners that, because there has been no action to finalize the federal budget, the status of the FFY 1996 Title IV-E Independent Living Program is still uncertain. In order to ensure the State's continued eligibility under this program the Department recently submitted the annual State application for the funds, as required by federal law. However, until a federal budget is enacted, funds for the current federal fiscal year (October 1, 1995-September 30, 1996) will not flow to the States. This is to advise you that many districts continue to have funds available from their Title IV-E Independent Living allocations covering the period 10/01/94 through 09/30/95.

Districts may have funds available for 100% federal claims up to their 100% federal match allocations. The excess 100% federal claims will be reimbursed at a 50% federal match after the close of the federal fiscal year if 50% federal funds are available. If a district has an approved 50% federal match budget, claims made against that budget will be honored up to the budget amount.

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For information about your district's allocation for the prior federal fiscal year, information about the match and guidance about claiming, please refer to 95 LCM-10.

If there are any questions concerning the status of your district's claims or the claiming procedures, call Roland Levie (fms001) at (518) 474-7549 or Marvin Gold (Ofm270) at (212) 383-1733. All other questions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office of the Division of Services and Community Development.

The Department will notify you as soon as we are made aware of any action on the federal budget with regard to this program.

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