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DATE: February 19, 2010

TO: Regional Directors

THROUGH: ^{Patricia Anderson for} Pete Digre, Assistant Secretary for Operations
David L. Fairbanks, Assistant Secretary for Programs

FROM: Alan Abramowitz, State Director, Office of Family Safety

SUBJECT: Policy Instruction from Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

ACTION REQUIRED: Implement Policy Instruction

DUE DATE: Upon Receipt of this Memo

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memo is to advise you of the change in SSI policy concerning when a SSI application from a disabled youth transitioning out of foster care may be accepted.

BACKGROUND: Prior to this policy instruction, the application for a disabled youth to receive SSI payments could not be accepted before the month prior to the expected end of Title IV-E federal foster care payments at age 18. This new instruction allows the SSI application for a disabled youth to be accepted up to 90 days before the end of foster care payments. This will aid youth in the transition to adulthood by ensuring that income and health benefits are in place.

The federal policy instruction identification number is: SI 00601 TN 18 and was effective January 13, 2010. It may be reviewed at:

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/public/reference.nsf/8b709aba3e20a0dd852574da00547b45/4e6c5c380cf7ee5f852576a900606add!OpenDocument>.

ACTION REQUIRED: Share information with CBC CEO's, contract managers, program managers and revenue maximization personnel. This policy takes effect immediately.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Should you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Lynn at tiffany_lynn@dcf.state.fl.us or 850-414-1840.

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