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Family Investment Administration
ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: CHILD SPECIFIC BENEFIT

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

During the 2008 session, the Maryland General Assembly repealed the Child Specific Benefit (CSB) rules that were implemented in 1996 for the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) program. The CSB requirements have been discontinued since 2002 under local department waivers granted from that provision of the law. Under the waivers customers who receive TCA were not required to obtain or retain a third-party payee for the CSB payment. The waivers had to be renewed every two years. Effective October 1, 2008, we will no longer have to renew the waivers.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

- Do not enter information in the CSB Notification Date field on the DEM1 screen.
- Do not remove information from the CSB Notification Date field on the DEM1 screen for existing customers.

INQUIRIES

Please direct TCA policy questions to Marilyn Lorenzo at 410-767-7333 or mlorenzo@dhr.state.md.us or Yvette Lawrence-Hood at 410-767-7944 or ylawrenc@dhr.state.md.us.

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