July 17, 2001

Dear County Director of Social Services

ATTN: Food Stamp Supervisors
    Work First Supervisors

RE: FSIS Availability on Weekends

On December 11, 2000 a letter was sent to all counties advising of the availability of state mainframe applications SCC4CICS, EIS, DOT for calendar year 2001. That letter advised counties that a separate letter would address FSIS, EPICS and Energy availability since different technical teams are required to support those systems.

The scheduled availability of FSIS, EPICS and Energy systems ended June 30, 2001. Current functionality in these systems requires that technical staff must be at DIRM to run batch processing for FSIS and EPICS any day FSIS is available. Because of budget constraints, funds are not available to pay technical staff to process batch work on weekends.

The Automation/Performance Reporting Unit is currently working with the FSIS technical staff to modify FSIS technical requirements to allow the system to be available for use on Saturdays. This will result in work keyed into FSIS on Saturdays being processed the next business day, as it is in EIS now. We will keep you advised on the work in progress, and will notify you when FSIS can be made available again on weekends.

If you have questions, please contact the DSS Automation Consultant staff at (919) 733-8938.

Sincerely,

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