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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2007

TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: J. Wyatt Pope, Director of Workforce Program Support

SUBJECT: Approval of Florida's Work Verification Plan

The Deficit Reduction Act was passed in 2005, which reauthorized the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. The Deficit Reduction Act required the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop federal regulations. The regulations required each state to develop a Work Verification Plan. The regulations also define work activities and "work eligible" individuals. Florida's Work Verification Plan was submitted initially in September 2006. In response to the initial submission, all states were required to revise and resubmit their plans based on new general guidance from HHS. Subsequently, a revised plan was submitted to the HHS in February 2007 for review and approval. The HHS then provided Florida with state specific comments regarding its Work Verification Plan. Florida resubmitted its plan based on the state specific comments and other general guidance in June 2007.

The Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) recently received confirmation that Florida's Work Verification Plan has been approved. The HHS approval comes with the condition of full implementation of the plan by September 30, 2007. Florida's approved plan can be found at the following link: http://www.floridajobs.org/PDG/wt/TANF_WorkVerificPlan091807.pdf. You may also access the link by visiting http://www.floridajobs.org/pdg/WT_StLegis.html. Click on TANF Work Verification Plan to view the document.

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