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DATE: February 18, 2008
TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors
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SUBJECT: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Final Rule Publication

PURPOSE:

To inform Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) of the TANF Final Rule Publication

BACKGROUND:

The Deficit Reduction Act was passed in 2005, which reauthorized the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant through 2010 and supplemental funds through 2008. The Deficit Reduction Act required the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop federal regulations. In June 2007, HHS released the Interim Final Rule that provided work activity definitions, provided a definition for work eligible individuals and required each state to submit and implement an approved work verification plan by October 1, 2007.

On February 5, 2008, HHS issued the TANF Final Rule. Effective October 1, 2008, all states are required to implement Final Rule regulations. Florida must continue to operate under the Interim Final Rule requirements and its approved work verification plan until September 30, 2008.

REFERENCE:

TANF Final Rule Publication: http://floridajobs.org/pdg/wt/TANF_FinalRule2008_021208.pdf
Interim Final Rule: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanfregs/tfinrule.pdf>
Florida's Work Verification Plan:
http://floridajobs.org/PDG/wt/TANF_WorkVerificPlanAsApproved112907.pdf

ACTION REQUIRED:

The RWBs are still required to operate under the Interim Final Rule published in 2006 and Florida's approved Work Verification Plan until September 30, 2008. Florida's Work Verification Plan will be updated and submitted to HHS for review and approval.

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