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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 98-18 DATE: September 24, 1998

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Tax Security Liaisons
Institutional Services Section Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Access to Local On-Line Payments System (LOOPS)
and State Wage System

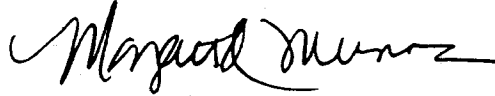
The Division has been notified that the Department of Labor (DOL) is in the process of implementing Y2K compliance modifications for LOOPS and the State Wage System. We were instructed that this implementation is scheduled to take place on September 30, October 1, and 2, 1998. Beginning on October 5, 1998, the date fields will be Y2K compliant and the Employer Identification Number will be increased to 15 positions.

In addition, we were advised that **effective September 25, 1998**, access to wage data will be changed and available through the use of new codes. A brief explanation of the change follows.

All current logon and password procedures will be followed in the same manner for both LOOPS and the State Wage System. In order to access wage data after September 25, 1998, however, "LO77" will be used in lieu of "wage" for T040 conversation ID, and "LO78" will be used in lieu of "wage" for T050 conversation ID. Also, please note that the current LOOPS access procedures remain the same.

I apologize for the short notice and will continue to keep you informed of any developments in this area. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Daniel Upright in the Division's Office of Information Systems at (609) 588-2792. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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