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**Informational Letter**

**Section 1**

<b>Transmittal:</b>	08-INF-09
<b>To:</b>	Local District Commissioners
<b>Issuing Division:</b>	Center for Employment and Economic Supports
<b>Date:</b>	May 7, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Temporary Assistance Questions and Answers
<b>Suggested Distribution:</b>	Temporary Assistance Directors Food Stamp Directors Medical Assistance Directors Staff Development Coordinators Transitional Opportunities Program Coordinators Child Assistance Program Coordinators
<b>Contact Person(s):</b>	Temporary Assistance Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, extension 4-9344 Employment and Advancement Services Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 6-6106 Food Stamp Bureau at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 3-1469 Medical Assistance: Upstate Regional Representative at (518) 474-8216 New York City Representative at (212) 268-6855.
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment A: Temporary Assistance Questions and Answers
<b>Attachment Available On – Line:</b>	yes

**Filing References**

<b>Previous ADMs/INFs</b>	<b>Releases Cancelled</b>	<b>Dept. Regs.</b>	<b>Soc. Law &amp; Other Legal Ref.</b>	<b>Manual Ref.</b>	<b>Misc. Ref.</b>
06 INF-21 05 INF-25 05 INF-24 00 INF-19 00 INF-15 03 ADM-8 98 LCM 40 93 ADM-33 91 ADM-3 87 ADM-5		Part 351 Part 352 Part 369 Part 370 Part 372 Part 385	SSL 131-s SSL 62	Energy Manual, pp.53-54 TASB, Ch. 18	GIS 98 TA/DC008; GIS 96 TA/DCO28 LDSS-3087

## **Section 2**

### **I. Purpose**

OTDA's Center for Employment and Economic Supports (CEES) is charged with responding to inquiries from Local Departments of Social Services on a variety of Temporary Assistance (TA) issues. This Informational Letter (INF) contains the most recent set of questions and answers on TA issues.

### **II. Background**

The Questions and Answers attached to this document relate only to TA and do not include questions and answers from Food Stamps (FS) or the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), although the Center for Employment and Economic Supports (CEES) continues to be responsible for all issues and questions relating to TA, FS, and HEAP.

If you have questions regarding this release, please contact the Temporary Assistance or Employment and Advancement Services Bureau directly at the above-referenced number. Policy issues relating to FS and HEAP should continue to be directed to the appropriate policy bureau.

### **III. Program Implications**

Medicaid policy may differ from TA policy. Sanctions or requirements applying to cash programs may not apply to Medicaid. Any questions about Medicaid policy should be referred to the appropriate NYS Department of Health (DOH) local liaison.

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