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**TO:** Commissioners of Social Services, MA Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Revisions to Regulations 360-2.2(f)(1) and 360-2.4(a)(1)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 1996

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This is to inform Social Services Districts of changes to Department Regulations 360-2.2(f)(1) AND 360-2.4(a)(1) that are effective MAY 1, 1996.

The revision to regulation 360-2.2(F)(1) eliminates the 5 day timeframe requirement in which Social Services districts currently have to conduct a personal interview. There is still a personal interview requirement before making any decision concerning an applicant/recipient's eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA), but districts are no longer required to do the interview within 5 working days of application. Please note that agreements which districts have with PCAPS or other providers to complete initial processing of MA applications for pregnant women and /or young children at outreach sites are not impacted by this change. The interview by the provider at the outreach site meets the face-to-face interview requirements.

The revision to regulation 360-2.4(a)(1) changes the timeframe Social Services districts are allowed to determine an applicant's eligibility for MA from 30 days to 45 days. However, the timeframes to determine eligibility for pregnant women and young children and eligibility based on disability status or a separate determination (Rosenberg), remain unchanged.

Any questions should be directed to Priscilla Smith at 1-800-343-8859, extension 3-5532, or your New York City representative at (212) 383-2512.