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Topic: Other

Subject: Assistance Program
Immediate implementation of the New Federal Relative Guardianship

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

A temporary guardianship assistance program policy is being issued effective 3/31/09 that implements new federal provisions of the Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program. Implementation on this date is required in order to ensure that the Department can claim Federal Fund Participation for the current quarter that began on 1/1/2009 and ends on the effective date of this policy. The new policy impacts relatives, only. Existing policy will remain in effect for non-relative guardianship plans and current guardianships will continue pursuant to the policy and Rule in place at the time they were effective. [Click here](#) for a one-page explanation of “basics” for guardianship policies pursuant to this notice. The handbook, checklist, brochure and agreements are being revised and will be forwarded to the field as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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