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**Topic:** Other

**Subject:** IV-E Eligibility and AFDC De-link at Redetermination

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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**Message:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) issued a new Child Welfare Policy Manual instruction eliminating the Title IV-E requirement to hold periodic re-determinations of a child’s income, resources and parental deprivation. This new policy interpretation is under the precept that it is no longer necessary to link AFDC requirements (which have not been operational for 14 years) to the annual Title IV-E re-determination. Furthermore, it would not be possible to implement some provisions of the “Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act”. IV-E Eligibility Specialists will still be required to complete annual re-determinations to comply with other federal requirements.

The branch Title IV-E Eligibility Specialists have been trained and are implementing the new practice based on this new rule. Case workers will find fewer questions to answer at the time of IV-E re-determination. There is no workload increase. The Department anticipates a positive fiscal impact since the new rule will allow more children to remain Title IV-E eligible.

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