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Update 2003-4: Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Social Security Income (SSI) Advocacy Unit

Background

Assembly Bill 2779 allows Social Workers to provide Social Security Income (SSI) advocacy to CAPI recipients. The SSI Advocacy Program is designed to focus on those CAPI clients who must apply for SSI and General Assistance (GA) clients that must apply for CAPI. The program utilizes social work intervention and assistance in order to:

- Help clients follow through with the SSI/CAPI application process,
- Secure additional and more precise medical/psychiatric information, and
- Provide representation at the various appeal levels in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Programs-Disability and Adult Programs Division (SP-DAPD) process.

Policy

The SSI Advocacy Unit has been in existence for CAPI clients since 1997; however, procedures have never been established in writing regarding the referral process. SSI Advocacy procedures are documented and incorporated into Chapter 5.

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SSI Denials	5.6

Implementation SSI Advocacy procedures are already being implemented. Official procedures are established and incorporated into Chapter 5.

EW Supervisors must review this Update with their respective units at their next unit meeting, but no later than June 20, 2003.

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