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| <b>Social Services Block Grant<br/>Dear Colleague Letter</b> | <b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services<br/>Administration for Children and Families<br/>Office of Community Services<br/>Division of State Assistance<br/>370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.<br/>Washington, DC 20447</b><br><a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ssbg">www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ssbg</a> |
| <b>Re: SSBG FY 2014 Allocations Update</b>                   | <b>Date: November 8, 2013</b>  |

Dear Colleague:

The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update on the first quarter Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2014. On October 16, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-46), which provides SSBG funding through January 15, 2014.

Earlier on April 10, 2013, President Obama signed the sequestration order for FY 2014 which mandates that spending for FY 2014 in certain budget accounts be reduced by a percentage set by the President's budget office. The amount set is 7.2% for accounts such as SSBG. The cut was effective at the beginning of the Federal fiscal year, October 1, 2013.

States are receiving the first quarter of the SSBG funds for FY 2014. For planning purposes, a chart is attached with the reduction applied. Please note that final award amounts for the full-year will be determined after the passage of a final appropriation.

Thank you for your continued partnership and cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services and ACF as we work together to manage these circumstances.

Sincerely,

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