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Director

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: UPDATE ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER (EBT) CASH ACCESS PLAN - (SYNOPSIS #92)

On January 8, 2002, your Board instructed my Department to request an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Cash Access Plan from the State. The Cash Access Plan will outline each location by zip code where participants will have access to their cash benefits under EBT. At that time, your Board also addressed several concerns regarding the feasibility and potential community impact associated with this project. This memo is to provide you with an update of our ongoing activities for addressing these concerns.

- The State has started work on the EBT Cash Access Plan.
- State staff are continuing their efforts to recruit merchants and banking institutions for participation in the EBT cash project. The current listing of EBT Participating Cash Access ATM Acquirers is attached for your information.
- DPSS is developing the evaluation criteria for the Cash Access Plan and will meet with community and state representatives for their input.

There have also been several developments regarding EBT implementation in general:

- An EBT pilot will be conducted in both the South Central and East Los Angeles areas, prior to countywide implementation.
- The State will pilot EBT in Alameda and Yolo Counties. This pilot is scheduled to start on August 1, 2002.
- The State has agreed to include evening and weekend training classes to accommodate our participants.

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- We are working with Unisys to finalize a contract amendment that will fund the necessary LEADER changes for EBT.

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Attachment

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