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Senator Andres Ayala, Co-Chair
Representative Selim G. Noujaim, Co-Chair
Regulation Review Committee
Room 011, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: TFA EBT Transaction Restrictions

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting for your approval a proposed regulation that imposes restrictions on the use of Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits through electronic benefit transfer (EBT) transactions in certain prohibited locations. This regulation is necessary to comply with Section 4004 of Public Law 112-96, which requires that states maintain policies and practices to prevent individuals receiving assistance in programs such as TFA from using such assistance in an EBT transaction in the prohibited locations. Any state that does not comply with Section 4004 faces a possible five per cent reduction of the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the Connecticut Law Journal on January 7, 2014. A public hearing was not held. Written public comments were received by the Department and responses to those comments are enclosed. On June 30, 2014, notice that the Department intends to take action on the proposed regulation was posted on the Secretary of the State's website. On July 9, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General approved the proposed regulation as legally sufficient. A copy of the proposed regulation has been submitted to the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

If you or your staff require additional information concerning this proposed regulation, please contact Graham Shaffer at (860) 424-5915 or Phyllis Hyman at (860) 424-5266.

Sincerely,


Roderick L. Bremby
Commissioner

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