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Subject: Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR)

Pennsylvania is now using the Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) process of electronically notifying the Social Security Administration (SSA) that a client has signed an OIG 176 SSI reimbursement form. Are the CAOs still required to forward a copy of the signed paper OIG 176 SSI form to SSA?

Response By: Division of Welfare Reform Initiatives Date: 3/27/07

No. Effective with the issuance of this policy clarification, CAOs are no longer required to send their local SSA Offices the SSA copy of the signed OIG 176 SSI form. This is a new process for Pennsylvania. Under the IAR automated process, the State notifies SSA that it has received a signed reimbursement authorization through SDX/Client Information System (CIS), which establishes a grant reimbursement code on the individual's SSI record. The CAO must notify SSA within 30 days of the date the client signed the OIG 176 SSI by completing the "Date 176 SSI signed" field on the CADISB screen in CIS and completing the remaining case action screens in the session. The "Date 176 SSI signed" field displayed on CADISB must have the actual date the individual signed the OIG 176 SSI reimbursement form.

Full completion of the OIG 176 SSI, including the client's signature, is still required. The client will continue to receive the client copy of the signed OIG 176 SSI and the remaining copies will be retained in the CAO case record.

Please note that CAOs must continue to send the PA 731 Disability Advocate Form to SSA along with any supporting medical documentation available.

The Cash Assistance Handbook will be updated to reflect this change.