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DIRECTOR'S
NEWS UPDATE



Suspension of Connect and Collect Program

Since February 2009, I have kept you informed of the effect the recession and state budget shortfalls have had on our agency. Although, we have been able to absorb the budget cuts received thus far, I continue to look at cost saving measures as additional budget cuts are anticipated.

With this in mind I have made the decision to suspend the Employee Recruitment Referral Incentive Program, also referred to as the Connect and Collect Program. This discretionary program has paid recruitment referral incentive payments to eligible employees, retirees and volunteers whose referral of an applicant resulted in paid employment with the agency. Effective November 1, 2009, no further payments will be made under this program.

Although the Recruitment Referral Incentive Program has been a very good recruitment tool, current economic conditions make this action necessary. I will continue to keep you updated as we make adjustments as a result of the ongoing budget shortfalls.