

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER Sixty Eight

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: CHANGING THE NAME OF THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC SERVICES,  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Executive Number One Hundred and Twelve,  
approved by Governor Pierre S. duPont, IV, on April 2, 1982,  
established the Division of Economic Services pursuant to 29  
Del.C. §7903(a)(7); and

WHEREAS, the Division of Economic Services, Department of  
Health and Social Services, provides and manages public  
assistance programs to help needy Delawareans, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Division of Economic Services  
is to reduce dependency and help clients become as self  
sufficient as possible; and

WHEREAS, the mission includes not only reducing welfare  
dependency, but also providing and managing a variety of  
services to assist children, families, disabled and the elderly  
to function independently, preferably in the community; and

WHEREAS, there exists confusion in the mind of the  
general public as to the nature of activities provided by the  
Division of Economic Services; and

WHEREAS, recent welfare reform activities on the National  
and State level have stressed the provision of case management,  
social contracting and other social services to clients; and



WHEREAS, the Division of Economic Services has been assigned a major role in providing long-term care community services for the disabled and elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances which necessitated a previous name change for the Division are no longer in evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, with the approval of the Governor, has the authority to organize the Department into such Divisions or other units as will increase the effectiveness and efficiency with which its affairs are conducted and to establish, consolidate, abolish, transfer or combine the powers, duties and functions of Divisions under 31 Del.C. §106 and 29 Del.C. §7903(a)(7);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, in concurrence with the Secretary of Health and Social Services, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. Executive Order Number One Hundred and Twelve, as approved by Governor duPont, is hereby rescinded.

2. Effective February 16, 1989, pursuant to the authority granted under 29 Del.C. §7903(a)(7), the name of the Division of Economic Services shall be changed to the Division of Social Services which shall have the following powers:

- a. The Division of Social Services shall be responsible for promoting the welfare of the people of Delaware by providing public assistance to needy, unemployable and distressed persons, in accordance with 31 Del.C. Chapter 5. In particular, the Division of Social Services shall be responsible for administering Aid to Families with Dependent Children, General Assistance, Food Stamps, Title XIX (Medicaid), Employment and Training, and the State Supplement to the Federal Supplemental Security Income according to the requirements of State and Federal laws.
- b. The Division of Social Services shall coordinate welfare programs and carry out other activities in the interest of more effectively understanding and making provision of the welfare needs in this state in accordance with 31 Del.C. §103.
- c. The Division of Social Services shall administer work or training projects which will encourage the conservation of work skills, the development of new skills, and the achievement of gainful employment among recipients of welfare in accordance with 31 Del.C. Chapter 9.



- d. The Division of Social Services shall assure the confidential character of public assistance records by adhering to the provisions of 31 Del.C. Chapter 11.
- e. The Division of Social Services shall be responsible for burial of the indigent, in accordance with 31 Del.C. §110.
- f. The Division of Social Services shall be responsible for determining eligibility of children for day care services and for purchasing such services for eligible children, in accordance with 31 Del.C. Chapter 3, Sub-Chapter VI.

3. Effective February 16, 1989, the advisory council to the Division of Economic Services known as the Council on Economic Services is hereby abolished and there is hereby established as its replacement the Council on Social Services (the "Council"). It shall service in an advisory capacity to the Directors of the Divisions of Social Services and Child Support Enforcement, and shall consider matters relating to programs of public assistance and child support services for the State. The Council shall also consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services or the Directors of the Divisions of Social Services and Child Support Enforcement. The Council may study, research, plan and advise the Directors, the Secretary and the Governor on matters it deems appropriate to enable the Division to function in the best possible manner.

- a. The current members of the Council on Economic Services as of February 15, 1989, shall continue to serve as members of the Council on Social Services until the expiration of their current terms.
- b. The Council on Social Services shall be composed of nine (9) members who shall be appointed for three (3) year terms by the Governor. At least four (4) but no more than five (5) members of the Council shall be affiliated with one of the major political parties, and at least three (3) but no more than four (4) shall be affiliated with one of the major political parties. Any person who declines to announce his political affiliation shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the Council.
- c. A chairman of the Council shall be chosen by the members of the Council from among its members and shall serve in that capacity for a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection.



- d. Any replacement appointment to the Council to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled for the remainder of that term.
- d. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation except that they may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incident to their duties as members of the Council.



APPROVED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF February, 1989.

Michael A. Catto  
Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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Secretary, Department of  
Health and Social Services