



COUNTY OF ERIE
STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW
COMPTROLLER

January 31, 2013

Carol M. Dankert
Erie County Department of Social Services
95 Franklin Street, 8th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Commissioner Dankert:

The Erie County Comptroller's Office, Division of Audit and Control ("Audit"), will commence an audit of the Eligibility and Recertification processes within the Medicaid and Public Assistance Units for the period January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2013.

This audit is included in the 2013 Annual Audit Plan and was originally scheduled to begin in the 2nd Quarter of 2013. However, the risk of potential negative exposure to the county associated with information received by our office via our Whistleblower hotline necessitates the urgent need to begin this audit immediately. If the confidential information shared with our office is accurate, Erie County could face serious repercussions.

I will hold an opening conference meeting with you on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at a time and place to be decided. We will be discussing the following:

- a. The scope and objectives of the review
- b. Explanation of how findings will be handled
- c. Communication of audit progress

I would also like to discuss working hours, access to records and meet other personnel with whom we will be working.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 858-8430.

Thank you.

Teresa M. Fraas
Deputy Comptroller – Audit

CC: Hon. Stefan I. Mychajliw, Comptroller
Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz, County Executive
Hon. Erie County Legislature
Robert W. Keating, Director, Budget and Management
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority