FIA ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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Replaces: AT # 07-23	**Issuance Date:** April 3, 2008

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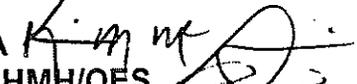
RE: MEDICAL REPORT FORMS DHR/FIA 402B AND 402W

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE
TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE AND
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

Summary:
This Action Transmittal obsoletes AT 07-23, which clarified who can sign the Medical Report forms DHR/FIA 402B and 402W. We have determined that the policy in AT 07-23, although correct, slowed the application process for individuals who claim a disability. Regulations require evidence from an acceptable medical source to establish a medically determinable impairment. Other medical sources may still provide supporting evidence used to determine the severity of the impairment. The SRT will obtain evidence from an acceptable medical source when none has been provided.

Action Required:
Effective February 1, 2008, **any** qualified health care provider can complete and sign the 402B and 402W. This includes but is not limited to:
- Physicians
- Physicians' Assistants
- Psychologists
- Optometrists
- Podiatrists
- Speech pathologists
- Nurse practitioners
- Registered nurses

Note: The TDAP manual on the FIPNet has been updated.

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