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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to notify Social Services Districts (districts) and other SFARS (Specialized Fraud and Abuse Reporting System) users that the technical issue with the SFARS Cognos reports has been resolved.

Section 3

The SFARS database houses all EBT transactions for New York State recipients. Due to a technical issue, the reports in Cognos only contained transactions through 7:00pm on 12/31/25. Transactions are now current and reports should reflect that. Should any further issues be encountered, please send the CIN/card number or FNS number to Lauren.Mathews@otda.ny.gov. Thank you for your patience while this matter was resolved.