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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Dixon, et al. v. Shalala Class Action

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Local Commissioners Memorandum 96 LCM-22, dated February 27, 1996 advised social services districts of the order issued in the Dixon, et al. v. Shalala class action lawsuit. It was anticipated that beginning in March 1996, the Department would be sending social services districts reports containing the names of persons who were determined by the Social Security Administration to be retroactively disabled pursuant to the Dixon court order.

This is to advise social services districts that the office of Disability Determination (ODD) has recently started to receive Dixon cases for review. It should be noted, however, that there are other court cases involving redeterminations of disability denials where the time periods overlap. For individuals who have membership in more than one class action (i.e., class membership under the Dixon court order and class membership under the Stieberger v. Sullivan class action), SSA intends to consolidate the class actions and process the redeterminations simultaneously. The current reviews being made by ODD do not include individuals who have membership in more than one class action. Therefore, the number of individuals that will be initially identified to districts for necessary action as referenced in 96 LCM-22, will be minimal. You will be notified when SSA begins reviewing cases for individuals in more than one class action.