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TO: ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES
FROM: Ryan Low, Commissioner
DATE: February 20, 2009
SUBJECT: DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES – RECOMMENDED FOR CHARGE-OFF – **DUE MARCH 23, 2009**

State agencies are responsible for effectively managing their Accounts Receivables. Effective management includes reviewing outstanding receivables to ensure that all reasonable efforts are used to effect timely collection.

After agencies have exhausted their normal collection efforts, agencies are required to notify the State Tax Assessor for Set-off (36 MRSA §5276-A). Maine Revenue Services will assist the agency by offsetting the debt against any future State income tax refunds. Agencies must give the Set-off process a least a year to determine if anything will be collected. If less than 10 % is collected during the first year, then the agency may submit the receivable for Charge-off.

The Charge-Off process is only for those accounts receivables that the **agency head** and the **division head** certify as being uncollectible. Certification must include adequate documentation of why the account is uncollectible, including collection efforts made. The Attorney General's office is available to help agencies with special problems. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all charge-offs

This memo requests the following actions related to *Outstanding Accounts Receivables*.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES – RECOMMENDED FOR CHARGE-OFF – Please consider the following:

- **Due date is no later than March 23, 2009.** Due to processing constraints, late reports cannot be accepted.
- Agencies are to provide **four** reports, which must include **original** signatures. Title 5 MRSA § 1504 requires Charge-offs to be signed by the **department head**, and **division head**, certifying that all accounts are impractical of realization.
- Make sure all account coding has been completed, including 8xxx unit (example 8025, 8031). See enclosure for additional instructions and format.
- For 0022 and 0052 Receivables – Please include a list of RE doc IDs.
- Submit to Stacey Thomas, **OSC, 14 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0014**

The charge-off procedure **must not** be used for adjustment purposes. Any receivables that have **not** been realized due to errors in billings or over-charges must be adjusted by journal.

After the financial order for the charge-offs has been processed, these accounts may be submitted to a commercial collection agency. Therefore, all agencies must have copies of invoices rendered to the debtor and copies of other collection efforts available upon request from the State Controller, the Attorney General, or a designated collection agency.

Enclosure