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SUBJECT: SAAS Cash Receipts and Journal Vouchers Privacy Flag

In July 2008, DFA implemented several system processes to facilitate compliance with the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008 (MATA) and began posting most State expenditures to a public access database via MERLIN.net. To aid in protecting information meeting criteria under privacy or confidentiality rules, DFA included the addition of a "privacy flag" on the payment voucher documents (PV), electronic vouchers (EV), sub-grantee vouchers (SP), and alternate vouchers (QV & P1) which required agencies to indicate those payments contained confidential information. The "privacy flag" was programmatically set to 'Y' on Cash Receipt and Journal Voucher transactions. Due to the number of questions raised concerning this matter, MMRS is reversing the decision to automatically set the "privacy flag" to 'Y' for Cash Receipt and Journal Voucher transactions.

Effective July 1, 2010, the privacy flag field will also be added to the following SAAS transactions:

- Cash Receipts – CR, C1, QR, CC, C9
- Journal Vouchers – JV, J2, JA, AJ, J9

If you have any questions, please contact the MMRS Call Center at 601-359-1343 or via email at mash@dfa.state.ms.us.