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If you have been identified as a system user for the DDS National Fingerprint Background Check system, much more information will be forthcoming on the implementation of the background check requirement. Please continue to check the DDS website (<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dds/fingerprint-background-checks.html>) for updates as we proceed together toward the start date of 1/4/2016.

The DDS application is currently in the latter stages of testing. To prepare for implementation, we are scheduling a recorded webinar for **10am on Tuesday December 29th** to demonstrate the system's functionality and walk you through the system's features and workflow process. If you cannot participate on this date, the session will be available to you on demand afterwards. More information on this will be provided next week, and there will be opportunities for you to test the system before going live.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience, and we look forward to working with you to implement this important mandate.