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Memorandum

To: HEOP Directors, CUNY Office of Special Programs, SUNY Office of Opportunity Programs, CUNY Early College Initiative

From: Anael Alston, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner

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Subject: Guidance regarding CUNY Early College Initiative Student Eligibility for Statewide Opportunity Programs

This memorandum serves as guidance regarding students enrolled in the CUNY Early College Initiative (CUNY ECI) applying for higher education opportunity programs across New York State. It has been noted that in the past certain credit hour threshold policies might have created issues for ECI students participating in these various opportunity programs. As the CUNY ECI initiative is targeted for students who are traditionally underrepresented in higher education, please be advised that students enrolled in CUNY ECI may now be considered for acceptance into the following programs if they otherwise meet regulatory eligibility requirements:

SUNY Educational Opportunity Program (SUNY EOP)
CUNY Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (CUNY SEEK)
CUNY College Discovery (CUNY CD)
NYSED Higher Education Opportunity Programs (NYSED HEOP)

Please note, acceptance of these students is not automatic; they may be accepted if they meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in §CRR-NY 27-1.1 & 2.6 and at the discretion of the IHE.

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