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## Local Education Agency Telephone Forum on Direct Verification: Topics for Discussion

### Opening Statement to Participants

As we indicated in the invitation to this forum, the information you provide will be used only for research purposes. Outside of this forum, your responses will not be disclosed in a way that can be identified with you, unless you provide consent.

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### Questions for Discussion

1. Was direct verification worthwhile? Why or why not?
2. What were the main challenges of implementing direct verification?
3. Are there changes in the rules for direct verification that would make it more effective or more efficient? If so, what are they?
4. What improvements in the systems or processes at the State level would make direct verification more effective and efficient?
5. If your school district uses direct verification next year, what will you do differently?
6. Is direct verification feasible for all school districts in your State? What are the differences between districts that could effectively use direct verification and those that might not do so?