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LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

Transmittal No: 92 LCM-79

Date: May 19, 1992

Division: Income Maintenance

TO: **Local District Commissioners**

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Development of the 1992-93 HEAP State Plan

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Copy of Public Notice - available on-line
Attachment B: Registration Form - available on-line

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that the New York State Department of Social Services will conduct two needs assessment public hearings on the development of the 1992-93 New York State Plan for the Home Energy Assistance Program. A copy of the public notice, which is scheduled to appear in newspapers statewide on May 14, 1992, is attached (Attachment A).

The hearings will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below:

New York City - Wednesday, May 27, 1992 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 5th floor, Room 521, 80 Maiden Lane, New York 10038

Albany - Thursday, May 28, 1992 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m, 488 Broadway, 4th floor conference room, Albany, New York 12207

A copy of the registration form (Attachment B) is enclosed.

We encourage you to comment on the development of the plan. Written comments will be accepted through June 5, 1992.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Bureau of Energy Programs at 1-800-342-4100, extension 4-9321.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Income Maintenance

ATTACHMENT A

PUBLIC NOTICE
1992-93 Home Energy Assistance Program
Public Hearing Scheduled

In accordance with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, as amended, the State of New York provides for public input on the development of the 1992-93 New York State Plan for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearings will be conducted at the following locations:

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- **Albany**, Thursday, May 28, 1992 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., 488 Broadway, 4th floor conference room, Albany, NY 12207.

Comments and suggestions regarding the design of the 1992-93 HEAP are requested in the following areas:

- targeting low-income households most in need of heating assistance
- income eligibility guidelines
- benefit levels
- ways to reduce administrative costs

Individuals/organizations wishing to present their views at this hearing should register by calling 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9321. Persons who have pre-registered will be called upon first to speak, others will be called in the order which they register.

Speakers must limit their testimony to five minutes and submit three (3) copies of their statements.

Written comments on the development of the 1992-93 New York State Home Energy Assistance Program Plan will be accepted no later than June 5, 1992. Comments should be addressed to:

John C. Fredericks, Director
Bureau of Energy Programs
New York State Department of Social Services
7-D
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12243

ATTACHMENT B

New York State Department of Social Services

PUBLIC HEARINGS
TO
PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NEW YORK STATE PLAN
FOR THE 1992-93 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)

New York City, Wednesday May 27, 1992 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in Room 521, 5th Floor, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038

Albany, Thursday May 28, 1992 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the 4th floor conference room, 488 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207

Persons wishing to present their views at any of these hearings are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail to:

Mr. John C. Fredericks, Director
Energy Bureau
New York State Department of Social Services
40 North Pearl Street
7th Floor, Section D
Albany, New York 12243

Telephone: 1-800-342-3715
Extension 4-9321
or
(518) 474-9321

To assure your pre-registration, please respond three days prior to the scheduled hearing date, or call the above number if you have any questions.

I plan to attend the public hearing in (please check):

_____ New York City (May 27, 1992)
_____ Albany (May 28, 1992)

I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. I will limit my statement to a maximum of five minutes and I will provide three copies of my prepared statement.

NOTE: There will <u>not</u> be any photocopying facilities available at the hearing.

STATEMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO COMMENTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE PLAN FOR THE 1992-93 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) <u>ONLY</u>.

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

TITLE _____

AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS _____