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Date: May 3, 1995

Division: Economic Security

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1995-96 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

ATTACHMENTS: A - Public Hearing Registration Form
(Available On-Line)
B - Public Notice - (Available On-Line)

This is to advise you that the New York State Department of Social Services will be conducting two public hearings on the proposed 1995-96 HEAP State Plan.

The hearings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- New York City, Tuesday, May 23, 1995 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, 6th Floor, Room 603B, 80 Maiden Lane.
- Albany, Thursday, May 25, 1995 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, 40 N. Pearl Street, 7th Floor Conference Room.

We want to encourage local districts to take this opportunity to provide input on the development of the 1995-96 program.

Attached is a registration form for the hearing and a copy of the public notice which will appear in newspapers statewide and in the NYS Register on May 10, 1995.

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Written comments are also encouraged and will be accepted through June 2, 1995. Comments should be addressed to:

John C. Fredericks
Division of Economic Security
New York State Department of Social Services
40 North Pearl Street 7B
Albany, NY 12243

If you have any questions, please contact Bureau of Program Eligibility at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 4-9059.

John C. Fredericks
Division of Economic Security

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING
TO
PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NEW YORK STATE PLAN

FOR THE 1995-96 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)

New York City, Tuesday May 23, 1995 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in Room 603B, 6th Floor, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038.

Albany, Thursday, May 25, 1995 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the 7th floor conference room, 40 N. Pearl St., Albany, New York 12243.

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
Division of Economic Security
New York State Department of
Social Services
40 North Pearl Street
7th Floor, Section A
Albany, New York 12243

Telephone: 1-800-342-3009
Extension 4-9059
or
(518) 474-9059

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 23, 1995)

_____ Albany (May 25, 1995)

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 not 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 1995-96 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) ONLY.

NAME _____
TELEPHONE _____
TITLE _____
AFFILIATION _____
ADDRESS _____

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PUBLIC NOTICE
1995-96 Home Energy Assistance Program

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 1995-96 New York State Plan for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The 1995-96 program perimeters are October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996.

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Comments and suggestions regarding the design of 1995-96 HEAP are requested in the following areas:

- o Options for a program with substantially reduced levels of federal funding
- o targeting low-income households most in need of heating assistance
- o income eligibility guidelines
- o benefit levels

Individuals/organizations wishing to present their views at these hearings should register by calling 518-474-9059. 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 copies of their statements.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Written comments on the development of the 1995-96 New York State Home Energy Assistance Program Plan will be accepted no later than June 2, 1995. Comments should be addressed to:

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Division of Economic Security
New York State Department of Social Services
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40 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12243