

Lien Acknowledgement

Case Name:	Address of Real Property:
Case Number:	

Under New York State Social Services Law §106, a social services district may place a lien on your real property in order for you to receive Temporary Assistance. Temporary Assistance is a grant that you have to repay in whole or in part once you:

- sell or transfer ownership of your real property; and/or
- refinance or apply for a mortgage on your real property.

The social services district may use the lien to recover any Temporary Assistance grant paid to you, your household, or by voucher to a vendor on your behalf (e.g. direct payments to a landlord or utility company):

- for 10 years prior to the date you sign the lien; and
- on and after the date you sign the lien.

However, the lien cannot be used to recover any benefits provided under:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Child Care Services;
- Emergency Assistance to Adults (EAA); or
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

If you decide not to sign this document or not to provide a lien without good cause, the social services district may deny, reduce or discontinue your Temporary Assistance grant. However, the lien status will not adversely impact Temporary Assistance eligibility for household members who are not owners of the real property, including minor children, provided such household members are otherwise eligible.

If the social services district denies your application or reduces or discontinues your assistance, you have the right to a conference and/or a fair hearing to review the denial, reduction or discontinuance. The notice that you will receive upon such district action will include information on how to request a fair hearing.

You may dispose of a lien by paying off the amount owed.

If you pursue a modification to your mortgage, such as when refinancing or pursuing a home equity loan, you may request that the social services district subordinate its rights (e.g. make it easier for you to modify your mortgage or to get a home equity loan). If a social services district agrees to subordinate its lien on your real property, it must do so within 30 days of receiving your written request.

You may request an account statement at any time. To request that the social services district subordinate its rights, or to ask for an account statement, submit a written request to:

You are entitled to a signed copy of this "Lien Acknowledgment".

Applicant/Recipient Signature _____

Date _____

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Date _____