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TO: NYC HRA Commissioners, TA Directors, FS Directors, WMS Coordinators, HEAP Coordinators, Staff Development Coordinators, Employment Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Termination of the $25 per week UIB Supplement and FS Income Exclusion

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2011

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The "Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009" (HR 3548), which amended a provision in the American Recovery and Relief Act (ARRA) affecting Food Stamp households was signed into law on November 18, 2009. Section 8 of HR 3548 amended ARRA to disregard the additional unemployment supplement ($25 per individual per week), provided through ARRA, as income and resource when determining eligibility and benefits for the Food Stamp Program.

This exclusion as well as the supplement expired on December 12, 2010. As a result, temporary assistance households receiving the supplement and food stamp households receiving the supplement and exclusion must have their cases adjusted **effective January 2011**. The result should be that TA benefits go up and FS on TA-FS cases may go down or stay same; NTA-FS amounts should stay same.

Additionally, some cases that were excepted from the mass re-budgeting/reauthorization (MRB/A) for changes that went into effect on October 1, 2010, may see a $1 per month increase or reduction in benefits due to the correction of their Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction from $459 to $458 and/or of the Standard Deduction from $141 to $142.

This information is also a follow up to the guidance provided in NYC Policy Bulletin #10-9 ELI.

- TA-FS and NTA-FS cases receiving the supplement will be included in the MRB/A to terminate the supplement and the exclusion. **The MRB/A will take place on December 19, 2010 to be budgeted for FS effective 1/1/11.** WMS will be updated to discontinue the disregard of the UIB Supplement and affected cases will be mass re-budgeted to change the budgets. All active TA-FS and NTA-FS cases with unearned income source code 36 on active FS lines will be re-budgeted. The UIB income on the lines will be reduced by the amount of the monthly amount of the supplement ($108.33).

- The MRB/A process will calculate and save a new budget with an effective date of 01/A/11; a new budget number will be generated and WMS will be updated. A file of all affected cases will be passed to CNS (similar to the yearly EID MRB/A).

NTA-FS Cases:

- **NTA-FS cases whose UIB was budgeted on or after 5/31/10 (identified with UIB income Source code 36 and Income Source Code 99 that is really UIB) will be excluded from the MRB/A. A list of these cases will be sent to HRA for manual re-budgeting.**

- **NTA-FS cases with the incorrect Program Indicator for the case type also will be excluded from the MRB/A. A list of these cases will be sent to HRA for manual re-budgeting.**

TA-FS Cases:

- **TA-FS cases whose UIB was budgeted on or after 5/31/10 (identified with UIB income Source code 36 and Income Source Code 99 that is really UIB) will be excluded from the MRB/A. A list of these cases will be sent to HRA for manual re-budgeting.**

- **TA-FS cases with the incorrect Program Indicator for the case type also will be excluded from the MRB/A. A list of these cases will be sent to HRA for manual re-budgeting.**

- Cases with a Budget Effective Date of 01/A/11 also will be excluded from the MRB/A. A list of these cases will be sent to HRA for manual re-budgeting.

- The budget calculation for PA cases remains unchanged.