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SUBJECT: Calculation of Utility Arrears

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The purpose of this message is to inform Social Services Districts that Social Services Law § 131-s and Office Regulation § 352.5(e)&(f), which prescribe the calculation methodology for a utility arrears amount, do not specify that billing periods used in the calculation must be based on actual meter readings. Therefore, there is no prohibition against using an estimated billing period in the calculation of a four-month utility arrearage amount for a utility arrears payment. This information will be included in the next update of the TA Energy Manual.