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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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From:	Valerie Figueroa, Deputy Commissioner Employment and Income Support Programs
Subject:	Release of LDSS-5208 What Are My Rights Poster
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Attachments:	Attachment 1 - LDSS-5208 - What Are My Rights?

Section 2

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to introduce the [LDSS-5208](#) “*What Are My Rights?*” Poster.

Social Services Law § 134-c has been amended by adding a new section which requires social services districts (districts) to post information to all applicants/recipients of public assistance advising them that they have the right to:

- A fair hearing;
- Ask about emergency assistance;
- Apply for all benefits and services;
- Screening and special services if experiencing domestic violence;
- Ask about child care;
- Free language services; and,
- A written adequate notice.

The attached poster has been created to comply with the new legislation and must be displayed by districts in client waiting areas. Districts may print a copy of the [LDSS-5208](#) by using the following link: [LDSS-5208 - Notice - What Are My Rights? \(ny.gov\)](#).

Forms Information

- The new English version of the [LDSS-5208](#): *“What Are My Rights?” Poster* is a Web Only form. This form is also available on the OTDA Intranet website in the following languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Urdu and Yiddish.
- The above referenced document, along with its other than English languages, has been posted on the OTDA Intranet website at http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm and is available for downloading by local districts for reproduction locally.
- This document is a Web posted only form; therefore, it is only available online and is not available in hard copy from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).
- Questions concerning Web posted only forms should be directed to BMS Document Services at (518) 474-9522.