Public Assistance (PA) 
Shelter Allowance and 
Shelter Supplement 

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Monthly Shelter Allowance
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• Provided as part of Public Assistance (PA) grant
• Determined as follows:
  – By district
  – Number of individuals in the household
  – Housing type
  – Household’s actual housing cost
  – Presence of a child in the household
Monthly Shelter Allowance Maximum

- Each district provides a monthly allowance for rent based on the established maximum and the actual rent cost
- Allowances vary by district
- Example: Statewide Average Rent Allowance Table

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Shelter Supplement
Public Assistance Shelter Supplement

- Provides an additional shelter payment in excess of the shelter allowance maximum, to pay for housing in high-cost areas or special situations
- Districts may request to administer a PA shelter supplement program
- Funding for shelter supplementation is provided through the PA program
- If a district chooses to participate, the district sends a proposed plan to OTDA for approval
Why Shelter Supplements?

• Costly housing markets
• Ability to tailor benefits to meet local needs and special populations (e.g. large families)
• Increase stability for individuals
• More cost effective than short-term housing solutions
• Maximize SNAP benefits
Thank you