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TRANSMITTAL:

TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Income
 Maintenance

DATE:

SUBJECT: Food Stamp Standard Utility Allowance, Heating/Air
 Conditioning Allowance and Telephone Allowance
 Increases

SUGGESTED
 DISTRIBUTION: Food Stamp Directors
 Income Maintenance Directors
 Staff Development Coordinators

CONTACT PERSON: County Food Stamp Representative at 1-800-342-3715,
 extension 4-9225.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment I - 1990 Standard Utility Allowances
 (available on-line).
 Attachment II - Notice of Intent to Increase Food
 Stamp Benefits - Standard Utility
 Allowances - (not available on-line)

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
	89 INF-18	387.12 (e) (3)(v)		FSSB Sections XI-D-1 v-3-all	ABEL Transmittal 90-1

The purpose of this release is to inform local districts of increases to the food stamp standard utility allowances, heating/air conditioning allowances and telephone allowance effective April 1, 1990. Increases apply to the standard utility allowances and heating/air conditioning allowances only in those local districts indicated on the attached chart.

All other local district standard allowances remain unchanged.

The Statewide standard telephone allowance for all local districts effective April 1, 1990 is \$34 per month.

Local District Action

A. NYC

Increased food stamp benefits are to be provided to households affected by this policy as part of the WMS mass rebudgeting scheduled for March. Further details regarding this mass rebudgeting will be issued in a forthcoming ABEL Transmittal.

B. Rest of State

Increased food stamp benefits are to be provided to households affected by this policy as part of the WMS FS Expense Allowance Increase (FSI) scheduled for February. Further details regarding this mass rebudgeting will be issued in ABEL Transmittal 90-1. Beginning February 12, 1990 WMS ABEL will support use of the increased standard allowances for FS budgets with a from date of April 1, 1990 or later.

C. Notices - Statewide

Households who are mass rebudgeted and receive increased food stamp benefits will receive an automated "Notice of Intent to Increase Food Stamp Benefits - Standard Utility Allowances" (see attached copy). Households that are mass rebudgeting "Exceptions" that are eligible for increased food stamp benefits must manually be issued a copy of the "Notice of Intent to Increase Food Stamp Benefits - Standard Utility Allowances". This manual notice is to be reproduced by local districts and must include the clients name, address, case number, local district telephone number for questions, appropriate increased standard allowance and appropriate State fair hearing telephone number.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Income Maintenance

1990 STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES
EFFECTIVE 4/1/90

* Allowance Unchanged From Previous Year

<u>County</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Heating Air Conditioning</u>	<u>Total</u>
Albany	114*	142*	256*
Allegany	113	138*	251
Broome	116	146	262
Cattaraugus	113	136*	249
Cayuga	116	139	255
Chautauqua	114	137*	251
Chemung	116	145	261
Chenango	113	137*	250
Clinton	122	141	263
Columbia	117	140*	257
Cortland	113	136*	249
Delaware	116	146	262
Dutchess	125*	152*	277*
Erie	114	137*	251
Essex	121	141	262
Franklin	121	141	262
Fulton	108	129*	237
Genesee	112	135*	247
Greene	125*	155*	280*
Hamilton	121	141	262
Herkimer	116	135	251
Jefferson	108	129*	237
Lewis	113	128	241

<u>County</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Heating Air Conditioning</u>	<u>Total</u>
Livingston	114	136*	250
Madison	114	137	251
Monroe	112	136*	248
Montgomery	108	129*	237
Nassau	141*	177*	318*
New York City	158*	194*	352*
Niagara	114	137*	251
Oneida	114	137	251
Onondaga	113	137	250
Ontario	114	137*	251
Orange	121*	157	278
Orleans	107	135*	242
Oswego	108	129*	237
Otsego	113	136*	249
Putnam	125*	156*	281*
Rensselaer	114	136	250
Rockland	141*	168	309
St. Lawrence	110	131	241
Saratoga	114	137	251
Schenectady	108	129*	237
Schoharie	121	141	262
Schuyler	116	145	261
Seneca	117	146	263
Steuben	114	142	256
Suffolk	141*	191	332
Sullivan	130*	155*	285*
Tioga	116	146	262

<u>County</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Heating Air Conditioning</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tompkins	117	147	264
Ulster	125*	154*	279*
Warren	108	129*	237
Washington	114	136	250
Wayne	115	140	255
Westchester	138*	172	310
Wyoming	114	138*	252
Yates	117	146	263
Telephone Standard - All Local Districts - \$34			