TO:       Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT:  HEAP Public Hearings on Proposed 1998-99 State Plan

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Notice of Public Hearings - available on-line
               Attachment B - Registration Form - available on-line

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will be conducting three public hearings to elicit comments on the proposed New York State Plan for the 1998-99 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

The hearings will be held on the dates and locations listed below:

New York City - Friday, November 6, 1998 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 6th Floor Conference Room, 80 Maiden Lane.

Albany - Thursday, November 5, 1998, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., 40 North Pearl Street, 7th Floor Conference Room.

Batavia - Friday, November 6, 1998 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Genesee County Department of Social Services, 3837 West Main Road, County Building #2, Batavia, NY.

If you or a member of your staff are interested in testifying, please refer to the enclosed notice and registration form for details.

Written comments are also encouraged. Three copies of your written comments should be sent to:

Mr. Bruce Bowdy
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Division of Temporary Assistance - 7A
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York  12243
Written comments must be submitted by Thursday, November 12, 1998.

If you have any questions about the hearings please call Charles Giambalvo at (518) 486-6362.

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Patricia A. Stevens
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Temporary Assistance
In accordance with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, the State of New York is making available for public review and comment the proposed 1998-99 New York State Plan for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

REVIEWING OR OBTAINING THE PROPOSED STATE PLAN: The 1998-99 proposed State Plan will be available for inspection at local department of social services' offices. Copies of the proposed State Plan may be requested by calling, toll-free, 1 (800) 342-3009, extension 3-0332 or by writing to the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, 40 North Pearl Street, 7A, Albany, New York 12243 ATTENTION: Charles Giambalvo.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearings will be conducted at the following locations:

- New York City, Friday, November 6, 1998 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 6th Floor, Conference Room, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038.
- Albany, Thursday, November 5, 1998, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., 40 N. Pearl Street, 7th Floor conference room, Albany, N.Y. 12243.
- Batavia, Friday, November 6, 1998, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Genesee County Department of Social Services, 3837 West Main Road, Building #2, Batavia, NY.

Individuals/organizations wishing to present their views at these hearings should register by calling 1 (800) 342-3009, extension 3-0332. Persons who have pre-registered will be called upon to speak first. Others will be called in the order in which they register.

Testimony is limited to five (5) minutes. Speakers must submit three (3) written copies of their statements.

There will be no photocopying facilities available at this hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Written comments on the proposed plan will be accepted no later than Thursday, NOVEMBER 12, 1998. Comments should be addressed to:

Bruce Bowdy
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Division of Temporary Assistance, Region I
40 North Pearl Street - 7A
Albany, New York 12243

Written comments received by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will be available for public inspection.
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE
PUBLIC HEARING
TO
PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON
NEW YORK STATE’S
PROPOSED 1998-99 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) STATE PLAN

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Batavia, New York, Friday, November 6, 1998, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Genesee County Building #2, Genesee County Department of Social Services, 3837 West Main Road, Main Conference Room, Batavia, New York 14020

Persons wishing to present their views at any of these hearings are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail to:

Mr. Charles Giambalvo
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Region I
40 North Pearl Street
7th Floor, Section A
Albany, New York 12243

Telephone: 1-800-342-3009
Extension 6-6362

To assure your pre-registration, please respond three days prior to the scheduled hearing date, or call the above number if you have any questions.

I plan to attend the public hearing in (please check):

_____ New York City, New York (November 6, 1998)

_____ Albany, New York (November 5, 1998)

_____ Batavia, New York (November 6, 1998)

I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. I will limit my statement to a maximum of five minutes and I will provide three copies of my prepared statement.

STATEMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED NEW YORK STATE PLAN FOR THE 1998-99 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) ONLY.

NOTE: There will not be any photocopying facilities available at the hearing.

NAME _____________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE _____________________________________________________________

TITLE ________________________________________________________________

AFFILIATION ___________________________________________________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________