Safety Net Assistance (SNA) Application Supplement

The State Welfare Reform Act of 1997 limited the amount of time an individual could receive Family Assistance (FA) to 60 months. You and all adult members of your case (including non-complying individuals) must apply for Safety Net Assistance if you want to receive public assistance after your FA eligibility ends. You all must apply for SNA benefits because you, or an adult member of your case (including non-complying individuals), are able-bodied. An able-bodied person is one who is not exempt from participation in work activities under Department of Labor (DOL) regulation 1300.2. The requirement for an application for SNA is contained in 18 NYCRR 350.4 (b).

You, and all adult members of your case (including non-complying individuals), must complete this application and bring it and documentation of any changes to your application interview. If you do not, you and your family will not be eligible to get Safety Net Assistance when you reach the sixty-month limit on cash benefits. Please note that a new application is not required to continue to get Medicaid, Food Stamps or Child care.

18 NYCRR 370.2(c)(11) also requires as a condition of SNA eligibility that you complete and sign the two forms (Repayment Agreement (DSS-4529) and Assignment of Future Earnings – (DSS-4530)). These will be given to you to read and sign at your interview.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you want Safety Net Assistance when your sixty-month limit on cash assistance is reached?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Have there been any changes in your household’s circumstances since your last recertification or contact with this agency (includes people moving in or out, moving, getting or losing a job etc.)?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain the change below and provide any proof of it.

Explain
Change:________________________________________________________________________
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You must bring with you your most recent utility bill, the name and address of your landlord and your most recent rent receipt. This is because, if you are found eligible for Safety Net Assistance when you reach your 60-month time limit for cash assistance, most of your benefits will be paid directly to vendors, such as your landlord and utility company. A portion of your benefits may be provided in cash.

In order to receive Safety Net Assistance, you must sign and date below. Since this is a supplement to your application and/or your recertification applications where you checked the box “cash assistance”, all the certifications, authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other information you read, agreed to and signed to on your original application forms remain in effect.

In signing this application, I swear and affirm under penalty of perjury that all the information I have provided is accurate. I understand that if any of my benefits are changed as a result of this information I will receive notice before the change is made.

Applicant Signature: _____________________________ Date: ___________________

Spouse Signature: _____________________________ Date: ___________________

Other Adults: __________________________________ Date: ___________________

_________________________________________ Date: ___________________