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Informational Letter

Section 1

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Transmittal:	07-INF-04	
To:	Local District Commissioners	
Issuing Division/Office:	Division of Employment and Transitional Supports	
Date:	March 5, 2007	
Subject:	Revisions to 22 Mandatory Client Notices	
Suggested Distribution:	Temporary Assistance Staff Food Stamp Benefits Staff	
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	Employment Coordinators	
	WMS Coordinators Staff Development Coordinators	
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Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
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Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this release is to introduce 22 revised mandatory client notices. The revisions to the notices include:

- The words "Not Picked UP" on Food Stamp Notices were changed to "Not Used."
- The notices "APPROVED" section now includes an area for listing the names of individuals in the household who were approved for benefits.
- The notices "DENIED" section now includes an area for listing the individuals in the household who were denied benefits and the reason(s) they were denied.
- Notices with an "INCREASE" area now allow workers to list the names of the individuals in the household who have been added to the case, and list the specific individuals who cannot be added to the case and the reason(s) why they cannot be added.

The following are the 22 notices that are affected.

- 1. **LDSS-3152:** "Action Taken on Your Food Stamp Benefits Case" (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 2. LDSS-3152 NYC: "Action Taken on Your Food Stamp Benefits Case" (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 3. **LDSS-3620:** "Notice of Intent To Change Food Stamp Benefits" (Rev. 10/06) (Timely and Adequate) (Upstate)
- 4. **LDSS-3620 NYC:** "Notice of Intent To Change Food Stamp Benefits" (Rev. 10/06) (Timely and Adequate) (NYC)
- 5. **LDSS-3621:** "Notice of Intent To Change Food Stamp Benefits" (Rev. 10/06) (Adequate Only) (Upstate)
- 6. **LDSS-3621 NYC:** "Notice of Intent To Change Food Stamp Benefits" (Rev. 10/06) (Adequate Only) (NYC)
- 7. **LDSS-4013A:** "Action Taken on Your Application: PA, FS and MA Coverage PART-A" (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 8. **LDSS-4013A NYC:** "Action Taken on Your Application: PA, FS and MA Coverage PART-A" (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 9. **LDSS-4013B:** "Action Taken on Your Application: PA, FS and MA Coverage PART-B" (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 10. **LDSS-4013B NYC:** "Action Taken on Your Application: PA, FS and MA Coverage PART-B" (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 11. **LDSS-4014A:** "Action Taken on Your Recertification: PA, FS, MA Coverage and Services PART-A" (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 12. **LDSS-4014A NYC:** "Action Taken on Your Recertification: PA, FS, MA Coverage and Services PART-A" (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 13. **LDSS-4014B:** "Action Taken on Your Recertification: PA, FS, MA Coverage and Services PART-B" (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 14. **LDSS-4014B NYC:** "Action Taken on Your Recertification: PA, FS, MA Coverage and Services PART-B" (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)

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- 15. **LDSS-4015A:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-A" (Timely and Adequate) (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 16. **LDSS-4015A NYC:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-A" (Timely and Adequate) (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 17. **LDSS-4015B:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-B" (Timely and Adequate) (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 18. **LDSS-4015B NYC:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-B" (Timely and Adequate) (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 19. **LDSS-4016A:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-A" (Adequate Only) (Rev. 11/06) (Upstate)
- 20. **LDSS-4016A NYC:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-A" (Adequate Only) (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)
- 21. **LDSS-4016B:** "Notice of Intent to Change Benefits: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-B" (Adequate Only) (Rev. 11/06)
- 22. **LDSS-4016B NYC:** "Notice of Intent to Change: PA, FSB, MA Coverage and Services PART-B" (Adequate Only) (Rev. 11/06) (NYC)

II. Program Implications:

The following is a general listing of the revisions to the 22 Client Notices:

LDSS-3152 and LDSS-3152 NYC: "Action Taken on Your Food Stamp Benefits Case"

FRONT:

- 1. The Revision Date was **changed** to 11/06.
- 2. The words "NOT PICKED UP" were **changed** to "NOT USED" at the top of the notice in the statement about what happens to Food Stamp Benefits after 270 Days.

3.	The "APPROVED" section was changed to add an area for listing the names of individuals
	that were approved for Food Stamp Benefits. The revised section now reads:
	APPROVED for Food Stamp Benefits from to to

- 4. The last 2 sentences in the "Animal Population Control Program (APCP)" section were changed to make clear that you must be approved to receive benefits to participate in this program and that the number to call to get an application was changed. The APCP section now reads:
 - ☑ Animal Population Control Program (APCP) If you are approved for Food Stamp Benefits, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has a program that can help pay to have your dog or cat spayed/neutered. Through the animal population control program, eligible people can have their cat or dog spayed/neutered for \$20.00. If this notice says you are approved to receive benefits, a copy of this notice is proof that you are eligible to participate in the animal population control program. To receive an application voucher for this program, call 1-888-669-0870.

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5.	The DENIED section was changed to allow for the listing of individuals that are denied Food Stamp Benefits and the reason(s) for the denial. The changed section now reads:
	☐ <u>DENIED</u> for the following individuals:
	If ALL is listed in the first Name(s) field, every member of your household was DENIED for the same stated Reason(s) .
	Name(s):Reason(s)
	Name(s):
	Name(s):
REVI	ERSE:
Th	ne Revision Date was changed to 11/06.
	20 and LDSS-3620 NYC: "Notice of Intent To Change Food Stamp Benefits" and Adequate)
FRON	NT:
1.	The Revision Date was changed to 10/06.
2.	The words "NOT PICKED UP" were changed to "NOT USED" at the top of the notice in the statement about what happens to Food Stamp Benefits after 270 Days.
REVE	RSE:
1.	The Revision Date was changed to 10/06.
2.	The "Lifeline" language was removed from the top of the page.
3.	For the LDSS-3620 NYC ONLY , the 2 nd paragraph of the "Access To Your File and Copies of Documents" was updated.
LDSS-362 (Adequate	11 and LDSS-3621 NYC: "Notice of Intent To Change Food Stamp Benefits" Only)
FRON	T:
1.	The Revision Date was changed to 10/06.
2.	The words "NOT PICKED UP" were changed to "NOT USED" at the top of the notice in the statement about what happens to Food Stamp Benefits after 270 Days.
3.	The "INCREASE" section was changed to add a check box and a section to list the name(s) of individuals who have been added to a Food Stamp Benefits case. The changed section now reads:
	☐ INCREASE your Food Stamp Benefits from \$ to \$ effective
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	☐ [name(s)]has been added to your case.
	☐ Your Food Stamp Benefits certification period has been extended. Your benefits will now end in
4.	The "CONTINUE" section was changed to add a section to list the name(s) of individuals who will continue to get Food Stamp Benefits. That changed section now reads:
	□ CONTINUE your Food Stamp Benefits for [name(s)] at \$ effective
5.	A check box with a sentence to allow the listing of names of individuals who cannot be added to the Food Stamp Benefits case was added. The changed section now reads:
	\square We cannot add the following individuals to your case:
	Name: Reason(s) Name: Reason(s)
REVE	RSE:
1.	The Revision Date was changed to 10/06.
2.	The "Lifeline" Language at the top of the notice was removed.
3.	For the LDSS-3621 NYC ONLY , the 2 nd paragraph of the "Access To Your File and Copies of Documents" was updated.
	3A and LDSS-4013A NYC: "Action Taken on Your Application: Public Assistance, Food nefits and Medical Assistance Coverage – PART A"
FRON'	Γ:
1.	The Revision Date was changed to 11/06.
2.	The Public Assistance "ACCEPTED" section was changed to include an area to list the name(s) of individuals who are "ACCEPTED" for assistance. The changed section now reads:
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	You will get \$, which will cover the period from to After this you will get \$
3.	The Public Assistance "DENIED" section was changed to allow for the listing of individuals and the reason(s) for their denial of assistance. The changed section now reads:

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	Name(s): Name(s):	Reason(s)Reason(s)
	Name(s):	Reason(s)
	Name(s):	Reason(s)
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2.	changed to make clear the	the "Animal Population Control Program (APCP)" section were nat you must be approved to receive benefits to participate in this mber to call to get an application was changed. The APCP section
LDSS-40	Public Assistance, Medic State Department of Agr dog or cat spayed/neutero can have their cat or dog receive Public Assistance of this notice is proof th program. To receive an a	al Assistance Coverage and/or Food Stamp Benefits, the New York iculture and Markets has a program that can help pay to have your ed. Through the animal population control program, eligible people spayed/neutered for \$20.00. If this notice says you are approved to e, Medical Assistance Coverage and/or Food Stamp Benefits, a copy at you are eligible to participate in the animal population control application voucher for this program, call 1-888-669-0870.
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FRON	NT:	
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	☐ <u>APPROVED</u> for Foo	od Stamp Benefits from to
	for [name(s)]	

If **ALL** is listed in the first **Name(s)** field, every member of your household was **DENIED** for the same stated **Reason(s)**. Name(s): Reason(s) Name(s): ______ Reason(s) _____ Name(s): _____ Reason(s) Name(s): Reason(s) **REVERSE:** The Revision Date was changed to 11/06. LDSS-4014A and LDSS-4014A NYC: "Action Taken on Your Recertification: Public Assistance, Food Stamp Benefits, Medical Assistance Coverage and Services – PART A" **FRONT:** 1. The Revision Date was changed to 11/06. 2. The "INCREASE" area under the Public Assistance "RECERTIFIED" section was changed to add 2 additional check boxes. The first check box allows the worker to list the name(s) of the individuals that have been added to the case. The 2nd check box allows the worker to list the individuals that cannot be added to the case and the reason(s) why not. This section now reads as follows: ☐ INCREASE your monthly Public Assistance benefit for that period effective from \$ _____ to \$ _____ ☐ [name(s)] ______has been added to your case. ☐ We cannot add the following individuals to your case: Name(s): ______ Reason(s)_____ Name(s): ______ Reason(s)_____ Name(s): ______ Reason(s)_____ Name(s): _____ Reason(s)_____ **REVERSE:** The Revision Date was changed to 11/06. LDSS-4014B and LDSS-4014B NYC: "Action Taken on Your Recertification: Public Assistance, Food Stamp Benefits, Medical Assistance Coverage and Services – PART B"

FRONT:

- 1. The Revision Date was changed to 11/06.
- 2. The words "NOT PICKED UP" were changed to "NOT USED" at the top of the notice in the statement about what happens to Food Stamp Benefits after 270 Days.

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	☐ We cannot add the following	owing individuals to your	case:
	Name(s):	Reason(s)	
	Name(s):	Reason(s)	

REVERSE:

The Revision Date was changed to 11/06.

<u>LDSS-4015B and LDSS-4015B NYC:</u> "Notice of Intent To Change Benefits: Public Assistance, Food Stamp Benefits, Medical Assistance Coverage and Services – PART B" (Timely and Adequate)

FRONT:

- 1. The Revision Date was changed to 11/06.
- 2. The words "NOT PICKED UP" were changed to "NOT USED" at the top of the notice in the statement about what happens to Food Stamp Benefits after 270 Days.

3. The Food Stamp Benefits "INCREASE" section was changed to allow for the listing of name(s)

of individuals added to the case. The change section now reads:

	☐ <u>INCREASE</u> your Food	d Stamp Benefits from \$	to \$
	effective		·
	☐ [name(s)]added to your case		has been
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	Name(s):	Reason(s)	

REVERSE:

The Revision Date was changed to 11/06.

<u>LDSS-4016A and LDSS-4016A NYC:</u> "Notice of Intent To Change Benefits: Public Assistance, Food Stamp Benefits, Medical Assistance Coverage and Services – PART A" (Adequate Only)

FRONT:

	☐ INCREASE vour Publ	ic Assistance Benefit effective from
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		has been added to your case.
	☐ We cannot add the f	following individuals to your case:
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REVERSE:

The Revision Date was changed to 11/06.

III. Forms Ordering Information

- We expect that the revised versions of the revised forms (LDSS-3152, LDSS-3152 NYC, LDSS-3620, LDSS-3620 NYC, LDSS-3621, LDSS-3621 NYC, LDSS-4013A, LDSS-4013A NYC, LDSS-4013B, LDSS-4013B NYC, LDSS-4014A, LDSS-4014A NYC, LDSS-4014B, LDSS-4014B NYC, LDSS-4015A, LDSS-4015A NYC, LDSS-4015B, LDSS-4015B NYC, LDSS-4016A, LDSS-4016A NYC, LDSS-4016B and LDSS-4016B NYC) will be printed and delivered to the Albany and NYC/HRA warehouses by the end of May, 2007. Upon delivery of the revised client notices, your district will be shipped an initial supply. Upon receipt of any of the revised client notices, local districts must immediately destroy all previous versions.
- The Spanish versions of these notices (LDSS-3152-SP, LDSS-3152-SP NYC, LDSS-3620-SP, LDSS-3620-SP NYC, LDSS-3621-SP, LDSS-3621-SP NYC, LDSS-4013A-SP, LDSS-4013B-SP, LDSS-4013B-SP NYC, LDSS-4014A-SP, LDSS-4014A-SP NYC, LDSS-4014B-SP, LDSS-4014B-SP NYC, LDSS-4015A-SP, LDSS-4015A-SP NYC, LDSS-4015B-SP, LDSS-4015B-SP NYC, LDSS-4016A-SP, LDSS-4016A-SP NYC, LDSS-4016B-SP and LDSS-4016B-SP NYC) will follow. Upon receipt of any of the revised Spanish notices, all previous versions of the forms must immediately be destroyed.
- Any future written requests for printed or camera ready only copies of the English and Spanish versions of the client notices, should be submitted on OTDA-876 "Request For Forms or Publications", and should be sent to:

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance BMS Document Services and Operational Support P.O. Box 1990 Albany, New York 12201

Questions concerning ordering forms should be directed to BMS Document Services at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 4-9522.

- Camera Ready Copies of the documents may also be ordered through Outlook. To order a
 Camera Ready Copy you must obtain an OTDA-876 electronically by going to the OTDA
 Intranet Website at http://otda.state.nyenet/ then to Division of Program Support & Quality
 Improvement page, then to PSQI E-Forms page (this page contains the electronic OTDA-876).
- For those who do not have Outlook but who have Internet access for sending and receiving email, the Internet email address is: gg7359@dfa.state.ny.us. For a complete list of available forms, please refer to OTDA Intranet site: http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm.

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Division/Office: Division of Employment and Transitional Supports

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