

**DATE:** August 02, 2019

**TO:** Subscribers

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**FROM:** Jeffrey Gaskell, Deputy Commissioner  
Employment and Income Support Programs

**SUBJECT:** Posting Requirement for Notice of Proposed Settlement for the Federal Court Lawsuit *Brooks et. al. v. Roberts*, No. 16-CV-1025

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**CONTACT PERSON:** Employment and Advancement Services Bureau: (518) 486-6106 or:  
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The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts (districts) that the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has reached a proposed settlement in the federal court lawsuit *Brooks et. al. v. Roberts*, No. 16-CV-1025. Plaintiffs' claims focused on the adequacy and timeliness of written notices to persons who are subject to the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) work rules.

A hearing will be held on this matter on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 1:00 pm and any class members will have the right to object to the proposed settlement as not fair, reasonable and adequate, by stating his/her objections in writing or by appearing at the hearing. To ensure class members are informed of this hearing, districts are directed to post the attached notices in any location in their jurisdiction where temporary assistance and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications are accepted. Districts are required to post both the English and Spanish versions of the notice. The notice must be posted no later than August 16, 2019 and remain posted through September 18, 2019.

The attached documents have been posted on the OTDA Intranet website at: [http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss\\_eforms/default.htm](http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_eforms/default.htm) and are available for downloading by local districts.

For questions, please contact the OTDA EAS Bureau: (518) 486-6106 or by email: [otda.sm.eisp.eas@otda.ny.gov](mailto:otda.sm.eisp.eas@otda.ny.gov).