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## General Information System (GIS) Message

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### Section 1

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<b>From:</b>	Alison Maura, Director of Temporary Assistance and HEAP Employment and Income Support Programs
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to Social Services Law § 131-a(5)(d) Regarding Allowances for Camp Fees
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### Section 2

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to notify social services districts (districts) that Social Services Law § 131-a(5)(d) has been amended to allow districts to provide allowances for camp fees to children in receipt of Family Assistance (FA) and Safety Net Assistance (SNA) effective June 30, 2021.

Previously, allowances for camp fees were only allowable on FA cases. The amendment allows camp fees to be paid for children in receipt of SNA as well, provided that funds cannot be obtained from other sources. The allowance that may be authorized for camp fees remains unchanged and is established at \$400.00 per year, not to exceed \$200.00 per week. The same payment type code "82 - Camp Fees" is to be utilized.

Additional information regarding this change to the social services law, and a corresponding regulatory amendment to 18 NYCRR § 352.7(i) which took effect June 30, 2021, will be forthcoming in a policy directive.