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Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts (districts) that the 2021-2022 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Advanced Nominal Benefit is available beginning September 1, 2021.

Effective September 1, 2021, districts must authorize a nominal benefit payment in the amount of \$21 to newly eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households with recurring authorized benefits that are HEAP eligible, and recertified SNAP households that are HEAP eligible that do not incur a separate cost for heating/air conditioning expenses. These newly eligible and recertifying SNAP households must not have received a HEAP benefit in the twelve months preceding the month of application/recertification. The authorization will allow a SNAP household to qualify for the highest-level Heating/Cooling Standard Utility Allowance (HCSUA), thereby maximizing the SNAP monthly benefit.

The \$21 HEAP Nominal Benefit may be authorized on case types: 11, 12, 16, 17, and 31 utilizing Payment Type code NX - HEAP Nominal Benefit.

The NX Payment FROM Date on WMS Screen 6 must be equal to or greater than 09/01/21 and less than or equal to the Transaction Date. The TO Date on WMS Screen 6 must equal 09/30/21 for NX payments authorized for the current 2020-2021 HEAP season prior to 10/1/2021.

For NX payments issued on or after 10/1/2021, the NX Payment FROM Date on WMS Screen 6 must be equal to or greater than 10/01/21 and less than or equal to the Transaction Date. For NX payments issued beginning on 10/1/2021, the TO Date must equal 09/30/22 for the 2021-2022 HEAP season.

New York City HEAP NX payments will continue to be issued utilizing their current file transfer/HCSUA Mass re-budgeting process.

Questions regarding the HEAP Nominal Benefit, can be addressed with each district's HEAP Bureau liaison.