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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS message is to provide social services districts (districts) with updated information regarding the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Regular Arrears Supplement (RAS) benefit.

RAS is scheduled to operate through the close of business (COB) March 15, 2022, or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first. Districts will be notified via GIS if there are further changes to the benefit closing date.

All districts and alternate certifiers must continue to accept applications for RAS benefits through COB March 15, 2022, unless OTDA advises otherwise. Mail-in applications postmarked on or before March 15, 2022 meet the deadline and must be processed unless OTDA advises otherwise.

All RAS applications must be processed in accordance with instructions found in [21 TA/DC065](#) and [22 TA/DC006](#). All applications for RAS benefits received after the closing date must be denied using CNS denial code F08 (HEAP Application Received after HEAP Program Year Closing Date) or, if needed, by using the HEAP Manual Denial Notice ([LDSS-3494B](#)).

Districts must continue to submit weekly pending reports, as outlined in [21 TA/DC065](#).

Temporary Assistance (TA) Implications:

Districts must continue to explore the availability of and individual eligibility for Regular, first Emergency, and/or second Emergency HEAP benefits before issuing a Family Assistance (FA), Safety Net Assistance (SNA), Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF), Emergency Safety

Net Assistance (ESNA), or Emergency Assistance for Adults (EAA) payment to meet a utility or non-utility energy emergency.