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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts (districts) that the 2022-2023 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Nominal Benefit is available beginning April 30, 2022.

Effective April 30, 2022, districts must authorize a Nominal Benefit payment of \$21 to newly eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households with recurring SNAP benefits, who are also HEAP eligible, and recertified HEAP eligible SNAP households that do not incur a separate cost for heating/air conditioning expenses. This includes households receiving SNAP benefits through a Temporary Assistance (TA) case that do not incur a separate cost for heating/air conditioning expenses. These households must not have received a HEAP benefit in the twelve months preceding the month of application. The authorization will allow a 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 using Payment Type code NX - HEAP Nominal Benefit. The NX Payment FROM Date on WMS Screen 6 must be equal to or greater than 04/30/22 and less than or equal to the Transaction Date. The TO Date on WMS Screen 6 must equal 9/30/22.

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.