



## General Information System (GIS) Message

### Section 1

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<b>Attachments:</b>	None

### Section 2

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform social services districts (districts) that the opening date for the 2023-2024 Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (HERR) and Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (C&T) benefits is Monday, October 2, 2023.

#### 2023-2024 HERR and Clean and Tune

Applications for the 2023-2024 HEAP HERR and C&T benefits must be accepted as of Monday, October 2, 2023. Benefits will be provided on a first come, first served basis to eligible applicants through close of business September 30, 2024, or until funding allocated to these components is exhausted. If the dates of operation are revised, districts will be notified via GIS. Applications for HERR and C&T benefits submitted on or after October 2, 2023, must be processed in accordance with instructions found in the HEAP Manual. The 2023-2024 HEAP Opening Local Commissioners Memoranda with 2023-2024 HERR and C&T Guides will be forthcoming.

In order to claim against the proper program year, when processing HERR and C&T payments for 2023-2024, districts must use the authorization period of 10/01/23 to 9/30/24 on Screen One of WMS. On Screen Six of WMS, districts must enter a "to date" equal to 9/30/24 for the payment line.

#### Pending Reports

Beginning October 2, 2023, districts must only include pending 2023-2024 HERR and C&T applications received on or after October 2, 2023, on their weekly HEAP Pending Case Reports. HERR and C&T applications received on or before September 30, 2023, must not be included in the weekly HEAP Pending Case Report.

#### Temporary Assistance

Individuals seeking help with heating equipment repair or replacement needs who have been found ineligible through HEAP, may, if they apply and are found eligible, have their needs met under FA, SNA, EAF, ESNA, or EAA. Department Regulations 18 NYCRR 352.4(d), 352.6(e), 352.7(b), 372.4(b) and 397.5(h) provide districts the ability to meet the costs necessary for the repair or replacement of essential heating equipment if the repair or replacement is essential to the health and safety of the household. For more information, see the Temporary Assistance Sourcebook, chapter 16, section C, Equipment Repairs.

Questions regarding 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 HERR and C&T operation dates can be addressed with each district's HEAP Bureau Liaison.