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The New York City Family Independence Administration (the agency that oversees the administration of the Income Support Centers) has advised this office that approximately 150 Notices of Intent to Discontinue or Reduce FS benefits have been sent to recipients of Non-PA Food Stamps for failure to cooperate with the Eligibility Verification Review (NEVR) process. Until now, the NEVR process has only been applied to PA recipients.

These notices, generated by Non-PA Food Stamp Center 43 (Long Island City), clearly state that the discontinuance or reduction is "per EVR". It is expected that other Non-PA Food Stamp Centers may generate such notices in the future. Any fair hearing requests received pursuant to these notices should be coded as follows:

Agency: NEVR/NF43

Category: FS Subcategory: None

Issue Code: As appropriate Action: DISC or REDU

Hearing Site: 80 Centre Street

In accordance with existing procedures, use of the NEVR agency field will result in a separate EVR calendar to be held at 80 Centre Street. Therefore, any fair hearing requests that include non-EVR issues should be bifurcated so that only EVR-related issues remain.

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