

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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POLICY BULLETIN #15-06-EMP

NEEDED AT HOME OUTREACH PROJECT

Subtopic(s): Employment Plan, Child Care, Carfare
The purpose of the policy bulletin is to inform the Special Project Center (SPC) staff and the designated Needed at Home (NAH) Liaisons at the Job Centers of a special outreach project for Needed at Home Work Exemption status.
Work-rules required Cash Assistance (CA) applicants/participants whose full-time presence is required in the home to care for a disabled household member may be eligible for an exemption from the work requirements for up to twelve (12) months. This is the Needed at Home (NAH) work exemption.
The special outreach project offers certain Cash Assistance (CA) participants the opportunity to be assessed for a Needed at Home (NAH) Work Exemption. This is a voluntary process and there is no negative action if the participant does not participate in the outreach project.
Outreach Population Criteria
The outreach project is targeted to CA participants who are:
 work-rules required (not eligible for other work exemptions); a single adult and the primary caretaker of a child in the home who is under age four (4) and who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits; active for CA; not sanctioned, pending sanction or in conciliation at the time the outreach list is established; and not contesting employability, or not pending an employment-related fair hearing at the time the outreach list is established.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE? Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298 These individuals will be identified by MIS and the NAH Outreach list will be generated for review by the Special Project Center (SPC).

Action Codes

The following new action codes have been created for use in the New York City Work Accountability and You (NYCWAY) system for this project.

- 1NVO (Needed at Home Voluntary Outreach) will be posted in NYCWAY by MIS on cases identified for outreach to prevent employability call-in appointments for 60 days.
- 1NVA (Needed at Home Voluntary Appointment) entered by SPC JOS/Worker in NYCWAY to schedule an appointment at the SPC.
- **1NVJ** (Needed at Home Voluntary Appointment at Job Center) entered by the SPC JOS/Worker in NYCWAY to schedule the appointment at the participant's current home Job Center (JC).
- 1NVX (Needed at Home Voluntary Outreach Cancelled) entered by the SPC JOS/Worker or the designated NAH Liaison at the JC in NYCWAY if the participant:
 - does not qualify for the assessment;
 - cancels the NAH assessment appointment; or
 - does not wish to proceed with the NAH assessment at the appointment.
- 1NVE (Needed at Home Voluntary Outreach Expired) will post in NYCWAY automatically to complete the open 1NVO action code at the end of the future action date (FAD) which is 60 days from the date the 1NVO code was posted.

Identifying the Outreach Population in NYCWAY

MIS will identify the participants that meet the criteria listed above for this outreach project and will post Action Code **1NVO** (Needed at Home Voluntary Outreach) in NYCWAY. Once Action Code **1NVO** is posted, the NAH Outreach list and mailing labels for each participant listed will be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Special Population Region and the Director of the SPC.

Review of the NAH Outreach list by the SPC

Some case actions, such as case closings or changes in household composition may occur before the outreach mailing. For this reason the SPC JOS/Worker must review the Welfare Management System (WMS) and NYCWAY to verify that:

- the participant's CA case is still active.
- the disabled child is still in receipt of SSI and resides in the household.
- the CA participant is not in sanction status, pending sanction or received a Notice of Intent to reduce or discontinue CA.
- the CA participant has not requested a fair hearing contesting employability or on a related issue.

The SPC JOS/Worker will highlight on the NAH Outreach List any cases that do not meet all the above criteria and will note the reason in a separate column. Participants who do not meet all the above criteria will not be part of this initial outreach project. The SPC JOS/Worker will enter Action Code 1NVX (Needed at Home Voluntary Outreach Cancelled). When posting the 1NVX in NYCWAY, the SPC JOS/Worker must enter a comment indicating which criterion was not met.

For the participants who <u>do</u> meet the above criteria, the SPC JOS/Worker will check the Language Read indicator in WMS for one of the six Local Law 73 languages (Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Haitian, Creole, Korean and Arabic). If the participant's preferred language read is one of these languages, other than Spanish, the SPC JOS/Worker must inform a supervisor that a translated Information about the Needed At Home (NAH) Exemption from Work Activity (FIA-1058a) is needed. Using the mailing labels provided by MIS, the SPC JOS/Worker will mail to the participants who meet the criteria the FIA-1058a in English and in the participant's selected preferred language read. The SPC JOS/Worker will also ensure that the deadline date on the FIA-1058a for the participant to call is two (2) weeks from the date of the letter and the mailing must also include the Family Care Assessment (Form W-582A).

Note: SPC staff must scan and index the **FIA-1058a** prior to mailing.

The **FIA-1058a** instructs the participants to call the SPC to arrange an appointment to be evaluated for the NAH work exemption.

The W-582A includes instructions for the participant to have the form completed and signed by a qualified health care provider.

Arranging an Assessment Appointment

The participant is instructed in the **FIA-1058a** to call the SPC general phone number 929-221-5111 to request an NAH assessment appointment. When the participant calls, the SPC JOS/Worker must:

- Ask the participant for his/her name and will check the NAH Outreach List to verify that the participant is listed.
- Check WMS to see whether the participant's CA case and individual lines are still active and ensure that the participant is under age 60, not already exempt from work requirements and that the case composition includes an SSI-recipient child age four (4) or younger.
- Check WMS to see if there are any pending actions in clock down status. If a pending action is clocking down, see page 5.

If the participant is on the NAH Outreach List, still work-required and the SSI-recipient child is still part of the household composition, the SPC JOS/Worker must then:

- Check NYCWAY to determine if there is:
 - an upcoming employability appointment.
 - a recently missed employment/employability appointment.
 - an upcoming eligibility appointment scheduled.
 - a pending fair hearing request.
 - a pending Notice of Intent.
 - a pending sanction.

Upcoming employability appointment

If NYCWAY indicates an upcoming employability appointment the SPC JOS/Worker will:

 enter Action Codes 1NVA or 1NVJ to schedule the NAH assessment appointment, which will cancel the future employability appointment.

The SPC JOS/Worker must explain to the participant that he/she does not need to attend the previously scheduled employability appointment because it is being cancelled.

Recently missed employment-related appointment

If NYCWAY indicates a recently missed employment related appointment the SPC JOS/Worker will:

enter action code 810 or 810B to grant good cause in NYCWAY
and then enter Action Codes 1NVA or 1NVJ to schedule the NAH
assessment appointment, which will complete the good cause
action and will allow the SPC JOS/Worker to schedule an NAH
work exemption assessment appointment.

The SPC JOS/Worker must explain to the participant that good cause was granted on the infraction, and that an NAH assessment appointment is scheduled.

Upcoming eligibility appointment

If NYCWAY indicates an upcoming eligibility related appointment, the SPC JOS/Worker will:

enter Action Code 1NVA or 1NVJ to schedule the NAH
 assessment appointment at a date and time that does not conflict
 with the upcoming eligibility appointment.

The SPC JOS/Worker must also explain to the participant that she/he has both an upcoming NAH assessment appointment and an eligibility related appointment and that she/he must attend the eligibility related appointment, because failure to attend could affect his/her receipt of benefits.

Pending conciliation, NOI or pending action clocking down If NYCWAY or WMS indicates a pending conciliation, pending NOI or pending action clocking down, the SPC JOS/Worker will:

 enter Action Code 1NVJ to schedule the NAH assessment appointment with the responsible JC.

The SPC JOS/Worker **must** also explain to the participant that the upcoming NAH assessment appointment will be at his/her JC. The SPC JOS/Worker will also need to email the NAH JC Liaison to inform of the upcoming appointment and issue.

Fair hearing request or fair hearing pending

If NYCWAY indicates a fair hearing request or pending fair hearing, the SPC JOS/Worker will:

- inform the participant that HRA records indicate a fair hearing has been requested on an employment related issue, that his/her case will be reviewed and that the SPC JOS/Worker will call him/her with further information.
- note the participant's telephone number and the best time to call.

- email the Fair Hearings and Conference (FH&C) Liaison with a subject line of "NAH Outreach" and in the body of the email include the case number, participant's name, line number and telephone number. The email should explain that a participant identified for the NAH outreach project has contacted the SPC for an NAH assessment appointment, but has a fair hearing request or hearing date pending.
- set a reminder in Outlook or on the email sent for a one week follow up with the FH&C Liaison.

The FH&C NAH Liaison will review the case and attempt to settle the issue with the participant if the issue relates to employability, a missed employment/employability appointment or any factor that prevents the assessment appointment from being set. No NAH assessment appointment should be set in NYCWAY until the FH&C NAH Liaison indicates that the fair hearing issue has been resolved. The FH&C NAH Liaison must email the SPC JOS/Worker no later than a week after the initial contact to provide an update on the fair hearing/case status.

Once FH&C informs the SPC JOS/Worker that the fair hearing issue is resolved, the SPC JOS/Worker will proceed to call the participant to arrange for an appointment, following the process described below.

CA case or line closure

If NYCWAY or WMS indicates that the CA case or individual line is closed or the household composition changed, the SPC JOS/Worker will:

 review the reason for the case or line closing and if related to employment or if deemed incorrect, enter Action Code 1NVJ to schedule the NAH assessment appointment and case review with the responsible JC.

Inform participant of appointment location if at SPC

The SPC JOS/Worker must also explain to the participant that the upcoming NAH assessment appointment will be at their JC and will first include a review of the CA line or case closure. The SPC JOS/Worker will also need to email the NAH JC Liaison to inform of the upcoming appointment and issue.

Scheduling the Assessment Appointment

Before scheduling an appointment at the SPC, the SPC JOS/Worker must inform the participant that the appointment will be at 172 Water Street or, after SPC relocation, at 109 East 16th Street in Manhattan.

General travel hardship indicated by participant

Participant's disability causes travel hardship

Refer to PB #14-29-OPE

Severe hardship

No travel hardship

- If the participant indicates a hardship not related to his/her own disability, the SPC JOS/Worker must offer an appointment at the participant's responsible JC. The SPC JOS/Worker must enter Action Code 1NVJ with the date and time of the JC's next available appointment and contact the responsible JC to inform the designated NAH Liaison of the appointment date and time.
- If the participant indicates his/her own disability poses a hardship in traveling to the SPC or JC, the SPC JOS/Worker will explain to the participant that a home visit needed assessment will be conducted by his/her responsible JC instead of the NAH assessment.

The SPC JOS/Worker will then enter Action Code **1NVX** to cancel the outreach with a comment that the participant claimed home visit needed status (HVN) and enter Action Code **192P** (HVN/HB Status Request Pending Documentation). The SPC JOS/Worker must call or email the HVN Liaison at the responsible JC to inform of the HVN request.

- If the participant indicates a severe hardship not related to the participant's disability, the SPC JOS/Worker will seek supervisory approval for an exception to policy.
- If the participant has no travel hardship, the SPC JOS/Worker will enter Action Code 1NVA (Needed at Home Voluntary Appointment) and schedule the NAH assessment appointment at the SPC.

The client's ability to obtain a completed **W-582A** from a medical provider, preference of date and time and any existing reasonable accommodations related to appointment times, should be taken into consideration when scheduling the appointment. An appointment should be ten days or more from the date of the call.

Once the appointment date and time has been entered in NYCWAY, the Non-Mandatory Appointment Notice (**FIA-1058b**) will be generated. The SPC JOS/Worker must ensure that the **FIA-1058b** is in the participant's preferred language read, must scan and index the **FIA-1058b** and must mail it to the participant at the address of record along with the **W-582A**.

Before ending the call, the SPC JOS/Worker must remind the participant to bring the completed **W-582A** to the NAH assessment appointment. If the **W-582A** is not completed or cannot be completed in time for the appointment, the participant must be instructed to call to reschedule the assessment appointment.

Rescheduling appointments

Rescheduling an Assessment Appointment

If the participant calls to reschedule the appointment prior to the appointment date, the SPC JOS/Worker will enter a second Action Code **1NVA or 1NVJ** in NYCWAY, depending on where the original appointment was set, and must enter an updated appointment date and time. SPC staff must also ask if the participant needs an additional **W-582A**. If the participant requests one, it should be included in the mailing of the rescheduled appointment.

If the first Action Code was **1NVJ**, the SPC JOS/Worker must call or email the responsible JC and the designated NAH Liaison to inform of the rescheduled NAH assessment appointment.

Participant cancels the NAH assessment

If the participant calls to cancel the appointment prior to the appointment date, the SPC JOS/Worker will confirm that the participant does not wish to reschedule the appointment and if so, enter Action Code **1NVX**, indicating that the participant cancelled his/her request for NAH work exemption assessment.

The Assessment Appointment

Review of W-582A prior to initiating the Employment Plan in NYCWAY When the participant keeps the NAH work assessment appointment the SPC JOS/Worker or the designated NAH Liaison at the JC must take the following actions:

Refer to PD #12-01-EMP for review of the completed **W-582A**

- Review the W-582A and ensure that the form is completed and signed.
- Scan and index the W-582A into the HRA One Viewer.
- Evaluate the participant's eligibility for NAH status based on current procedure (PD #12-01-EMP).

However, if the participant fails to bring the **W-582A** to the appointment or the **W-582A** is incomplete, the SPC JOS/Worker or JC's designated NAH Liaison will post another Action Code **1NVA/1NVJ** in NYCWAY to schedule a new appointment and must not begin the assessment for the NAH work exemption eligibility at that time.

Unrelated Issue discovered at NAH assessment appointment

If an unrelated issue is found when the participant reports to the NAH assessment appointment, the SPC JOS/Worker or the JC NAH Liaison must attempt to resolve the issue. If unable to resolve the issue on their own or with supervisory input, the SPC JOS/Worker or the JC NAH Liaison must call or, if unavailable, email the FH&C Liaison for assistance.

If sending an email, enter "NAH Outreach" in the subject line and include the case number, participant's name, line number, and explanation of what issue needs resolution in the body of the email.

If the issue is successfully resolved, the SPC JOS/Worker or NAH Liaison will follow the steps above for when the participant keeps the NAH work exemption appointment.

If the issue cannot be resolved, the SPC JOS/Worker or NAH Liaison will post Action Code **1NVX** and must enter a case comment explaining the reason the assessment could not be conducted. Additionally, the participant must be advised that he/she may request a NAH assessment in the future.

Effective Immediately

Related Items:

PD #12-01-EMP PB #14-29-OPE

Attachments:

■ Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

W-582A	Family Care Assessment (Rev. 1/27/12)
W-582A (S)	Family Care Assessment (Rev. 1/27/12) (Spanish)
FIA-1058a (E)	Information about the Needed At Home (NAH) Exemption from Work Activity (1/30/15)
FIA-1058a (S)	Information about the Needed At Home (NAH) Exemption from Work Activity (Spanish)(1/30/15)
FIA-1058b (E)	Non-Mandatory Appointment Notice To Assess Your Eligibility For The Needed at Home (NAH) Work Exemption (2/9/15)
FIA-1058b (S)	Non-Mandatory Appointment Notice To Assess Your Eligibility For The Needed at Home (NAH) Work Exemption (Spanish) (2/9/15)

Form W-582A (page 1) Rev. 01/27/12



Date: _	
Case Number: _	
Case Name: _	
Center:	

Family Care Assessment

Dear Physician/Treatment Facilitator:	
Mr./Msemployment program activity because of the need to care disabled/sick individual is your patient.	_ claims that he/she is not able to participate in an for a disabled/sick household member. The
The name of the patient is:	·
Please complete page 2 of this form so that this Agency we to engage in an employment program. Thank you for your cooperation.	vill be able to better assess the participant's availability

Human Resources Administration Family Independence Administration

Form W-582A (page 2) Rev. 01/27/12

Care Required for Sick/Disabled Household Member

To be completed by physician

Note to Physician: Please make sure each question is filled out in sections A, B and C. If not applicable, write N/A.

A. General Information and Diagnosis	<u>::</u>	
1. Patient's Name:	Age:	<u></u>
2. Patient's Address:		
3. Patient's Diagnosis:		
(Please note any major physical or ment	al impairment that limit the patients ability t	o care for himself/herself)
4. This is a: ☐ long-term disability ☐	,	3 34.5 10. 1111.13311/10.13311/
•	ability: \square Up to six months \square Seven mo	nths or longer
6. Date of onset of disability:		· ·
B. Current Care:		
	ervices or a home attendant? Yes	No
2. Is a household member/relative current	ntly providing care? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No	
If Yes, name of household member/re	elative currently providing care:	
Does the individual providing case re-	side with the patient?	
Relationship to patien:	Λ	
	care services/attendant services from a ho	ealth care provider?
Yes No If Yes, name of Hea	alth Care Provider:	
4. Is the patient residing in a health care	\	
If Yes, name of health care/assisted li	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
C. Patient's Ability to Care for Himsel (If patient is under 19 years of age, pleased)	f/Herself: se only answer items that you consider to b	r e age- app ropriate)
Can this patient:	<u>With</u> Assistance	<u>Without</u> Assistance
1. Ambulate inside the house?		
2. Ambulate outside the house?		
3. Get up from bed?		
4. Get up from a seated position?		
5. Go to the toilet?		
6. Dress?		
7. Wash?		
8. Bathe?		
9. Prepare meals?		
10. Feed himself/herself?		
,	an patient attend school full-time? \square Yes	□ No
12. Can patient be left alone?	☐ No If Yes, for how long each day?	
Physician's Name (please print):		
Physician's License Number:	Telephone Nun	nber:
Business Address:		
Physician's Signature:		Date:
Physician's Stamp		Fax:

Form W-582A (S) (page 1) Rev. 01/27/12



Fecha:	
Número del Caso:	
Nombre del Caso:	
Centro:	

Evaluación de Cuidado Familiar

Estimado Médico/Administrada de Tratamiento:	
El/La Señor(a) actividad del programa de empleo porque necesita cuidar persona incapacitada/enferma es paciente suyo.	_ ha declarado que él/ella no puede participar en una a un miembro del hogar incapacitado/enfermo. La
El nombre del paciente es:	
Favor de llenar la página 2 de este formulario para que este formular	sta Agencia pueda evaluar mejor la disponibilidad de
Gracias por su cooperación.	

Care Required for Sick/Disabled Household Member

To be completed by physician

Note to Physician: Please make sure each question is filled out in sections A, B and C. If not applicable, write N/A.

A. General Information and Diagnosis	<u>:</u>	
1. Patient's Name:	Age:	
2. Patient's Address:		
3. Patient's Diagnosis:		
(Please note any major physical or ment	al impairment that limit the patients ability	to care for himself/herself)
4. This is a: ☐ long-term disability ☐		,
<u> </u>	ability: Up to six months Seven mo	onths or longer
6. Date of onset of disability:		-
B. Current Care:		
1. Does the patient require home care se	ervices or a home attendant? \square Yes \square	No
2. Is a household member/relative currer	ntly providing care?	
If Yes, name of household member/re	ative currently providing care:	
Does the individual providing case re	side with the patient?	
Relationship to patient:	// // // // // // // // // // // // //	
	care services/attendant services from a h	ealth care provider?
Yes No If Yes, name of He	— \	
4. Is the patient residing in a health care, if Yes, name of health care/assisted li	\ \ \ -\ \ \ \ \ - \ \ \ \	
C. Patient's Ability to Care for Himself	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
(If patient is under 19 years of age, please	se only answer items that you consider to be	pe age-appropriate)
Can this patient:	With Assistance	Without Assistance
1. Ambulate inside the house?		
2. Ambulate outside the house?		
3. Get up from bed?		
4. Get up from a seated position?		
5. Go to the toilet?		
6. Dress?		
7. Wash?		
8. Bathe?		
9. Prepare meals?		
10. Feed himself/herself?		
11. If patient is under 19 years of age, ca	an patient attend school full-time? Yes	□ No
12. Can patient be left alone? Yes	☐ No If Yes, for how long each day?	
Physician's Name (please print):		
		mber:
		Date:
Physician's Stamp		Fax:



Date:	
Case Number:	
Case Name:	
Center Number:	

Information about the Needed At Home (NAH) Exemption from Work Activity

Dear:
Our records show that you live with a disabled child under age four (4). If you are needed at home to provide
care for this child, you may be excused from work activities for up to twelve (12) months. This is called the
Needed at Home (NAH) Work Exemption.
If you want HRA to evaluate your eligibility for the NAH/Work Exemption, please call (929) 221-5111 no later than
At your appointment you will need to submit:
A completed Family Care Assessment Form W-582A (enclosed) signed by a doctor or healthcare provider
verifying that your child is in need of your care and that you are his/her primary caregiver.

This is voluntary and <u>your benefits will not change if you do not respond to this letter</u>. However, if you do not call us by the date above, you may be required to participate in a work activity.

Questions? Call (929) 221-5111



Fecha:	
Número del Caso:	
Nombre del Caso:	
Número del Centro:	

Información sobre la Exención de Actividad de Trabajo por ser Necesitado En Casa (NAH)

Estimado(a):
Nuestros archivos indican que usted vive con un(a) niño(a) incapacitado(a) de menos de cuatro (4) años de
edad. Si a usted se le necesita en casa para proveer cuidado a este(a) niño(a), se le puede excusar de las
actividades de trabajo por hasta doce (12) meses. Ésta se llama la Exención de Trabajo por ser Necesitado En
Casa (NAH).
Si usted desea que la HRA evalúe su elegibilidad para la Exención de Trabajo NAH, por favor llame al
(929) 221-5111 a más tardar para programar una cita.
En su cita usted necesitará presentar:

El llenado **Formulario W-582A (S)** Evaluación de Cuidado Familiar (adjunto) firmado por un médico o proveedor de cuidado de salud que compruebe que su niño(a) necesita que usted lo/la cuide y que usted es su principal proveedor de cuidado.

Esto no es obligatorio y <u>sus beneficios no cambiarán si usted no responde a esta carta</u>. Sin embargo, si usted no nos llama por teléfono para la fecha más arriba, puede que se le obligue participar en una actividad de trabajo.

¿Tiene Preguntas? Llame al (929) 221-5111



Date:	
Case Number:	
Case Name:	
Center Number:	
Telephone Number:	
Action Code:	

NON-MANDATORY APPOINTMENT NOTICE To Assess Your Eligibility For The Needed At Home (NAH) Work Exemption

Dear:
You have contacted HRA to assess your eligibility for the Needed At Home (NAH) Work Exemption.
Your appointment has been scheduled for:
Appointment Date:
Location Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Please bring this letter and the completed Family Care Assessment (Form W-582A) to your appointment.
Travel Directions:

This is a voluntary appointment and your benefits will not change if you do not attend. However, if you do not attend this appointment or reschedule it, you may be required to participate in a work activity.

If you cannot attend at the date or time indicated above, but wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please call us at the telephone number below to reschedule.



Fecha:
Número del Caso:
Nombre del Caso:
Número del Centro:
Número de Teléfono:
Código de Acción:

AVISO DE CITA NO OBLIGATORIA Para Evaluar Su Elegibilidad para la Exención de Trabajo por Ser Necesitado en el Hogar (NAH)

Estimado(a)		:	
Usted se ha comunicado con la H Ser Necesitado en el Hogar (NAH).	IRA para evaluar su e	elegibilidad para la	Exención de Trabajo por
Su cita ha sido programada para:	Hora	Telefono:	
Fecha de la Cita:	- 		
Nombre del Local:	-\\ \\/ - -		
Dirección:			
Ciudad:	Estado:	Código F	Postal:
Favor de traer a su cita esta carta y e	el formulario llenado E	valuación de Cuida	do Familiar (W-582A [S]).
Indicaciones de Viaje:			

Esta cita es voluntaria y sus beneficios no cambiarán si usted no asiste. No obstante, si usted no asiste a esta cita o si la reprograma, se le puede exigir que participe en una actividad de trabajo.

Si usted no puede asistir en la fecha u hora indicadas más arriba, pero desea aprovechar esta oportunidad, favor de llamar al número de teléfono más abajo para reprogramar la cita.