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REVISIONS TO FORMS M-90c AND M-90d

<p>Date: March 6, 2009</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): Forms</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center staff of revisions to the Cash Assistance Application Kit Forms (M-90c) and the Cash Assistance Recertification Kit Forms (M-90d).</p> <p>The following changes have been made to forms M-90c and M-90d:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welfare Fraud Pamphlet (W-151M) has been made obsolete and replaced with the Welfare Fraud Brochure (BFI Bureau of Fraud Investigation) (BRC-151M) • The BRC-151M has been updated to reflect the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The text has been modified ▪ The logo has been replaced with the new NYC logo ▪ The form has been redesigned with new graphics ▪ A BFI email address, bfifraud@hra.nyc.gov, has been added ▪ The names of the program heads have been removed <p>Additional changes to form M-90d:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Please Read Important Information For Parents/Guardians Who Use Legally-Exempt Child Care Providers (W-603AA) was removed. This form must be given to applicants/participants at the Bronx Job Centers as per instructions on PB #08-114-OPE • The Helping Hand for People in Need Publication (PUB-4916) form has been updated to reflect the new governor of New York State, David Paterson.

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*

Job Center Directors must ensure that all previous versions of forms **M-90c** and **M-90d** are removed from circulation and recycled, and that all versions of form **W-151M** are removed from circulation and recycled.


Samples of the revised forms are attached.

Effective Immediately

Related items:

[PB #08-114-OPE](#)

Attachments:

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

M-90c	Cash Assistance Application Kit Forms (Rev. 3/6/09)
M-90d	Cash Assistance Recertification Kit Forms (Rev. 3/6/09)
BRC-151M	Welfare Fraud Brochure (BFI Bureau of Fraud Investigation) (Rev. 12/22/08)
BRC-151M (s)	Welfare Fraud Brochure (BFI Bureau of Fraud Investigation) (Spanish) (Rev. 12/22/08)
PUB-4916	Helping Hand for People in Need (Rev. 4/08)

Obsolete Forms:

W-151M	Welfare Fraud (Obsolete)
W-151M (S)	Welfare Fraud (Spanish) (Obsolete)

Cash Assistance Application Kit Forms

Forms included in the standard Cash Assistance Application Kit:

Item	Title	Form Number	Agency
1	Growing Up Healthy	DOH-4133	State
2	Statewide Common Application	LDSS-2921*	State
3	Food Stamp Change Report Form	LDSS-3151*	State
4	New York State What You Should Know About Your Rights And Responsibilities	LDSS-4148A*	State
5	New York State What You Should Know About Social Services Programs	LDSS-4148B*	State
6	New York State What You Should Know If You Have An Emergency	LDSS-4148C*	State
7	Notice Of Responsibilities And Rights For Support	LDSS-4279**	State
8	Domestic Violence Screening Form	LDSS-4583*	State
9	Domestic Violence Palm Card	LDSS-4583A**	State
10	Important Information About Child Care	LDSS-4647**	State
11	DFR Legal Residence Statement	LDSS-4733	State
12	Domestic Violence Information for all Temporary Assistance Applicants	LDSS-4905*	State
13	New York State How To Complete The Temporary Assistance (TA) - Medical Assistance (MA) - Medical Savings Program (MSP) - Food Stamp Benefits (FS) - Services (S), including Foster Care (FC) - Child Care Assistance (CC) Application	PUB-1301*	State
14	How To Use Your Benefit Card To Get Food Stamp and/or Cash Benefits	PUB-4596*	State
15	Keep the Heat On With HEAP Pamphlet	PUB-4735**	State
16	Helping Hands For People In Need	PUB-4916*	State
17	Notice to All Applicants	EXP-75Q***	FIA
18	Absent Parent Questionnaire	M-384k*	FIA
19	Your Interview with the Office of Child Support Enforcement	M-384t**	FIA
20	Child Care Guarantee Informational	M-528m	FIA
21	Attention: Applicants/Participants	W-116U***	FIA

*Denotes forms that are available in multiple languages. Job Center staff must include the appropriate foreign language version of the forms in the foreign language version of the CA Application Kit.

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***Multiple languages are contained on one form.

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22	Important: Using Common Benefit Identification Cards (CBIC) for Medical Services	W-126E*	FIA
23	Cash Assistance Additional Allowances	W-137C*	FIA
24	Notice of Benefits and Services Available from the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA)	W-139E**	FIA
25	Troubled? Frustrated? Angry? Don't Take It Out On Your Children!	W-273A**	FIA
26	Did You Know That The City of New York Will Pay for Your Child Care For Your Children Under 13 and For Children With Special Needs?	CS-273E**	ACS
27	Notice to Applicants and Participants Regarding Third Party Health Insurance	W-299*	FIA
28	Welfare Fraud Brochure (BFI Bureau of Fraud Investigation)	BRC-151M*	BFI
29	Interpretation Services Notice for the Application/Recertification Kits (Insert)	W-515W***	FIA
30	Eligibility Verification Review Questionnaire	W-532T**	FIA
31	Child Care Fact Sheet and Planner	CS-574EE**	ACS
32	Language Questionnaire	W-680FF*	FIA
33	Are You Disabled?	W-681A*	FIA
34	Notice to Applicants/Participants	W-904DD*	FIA
35	Essential Persons	W-912KK**	FIA
36	Explanation of the Medicaid Buy-In Program For Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD)	MAP-252*	MAP
37	Child/Teen Health Program (C/THP) Fact Sheet	MAP-1096*	MAP
38	Your Guide To Public Health and Eligibility	MAP-2020N	MAP

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Cash Assistance Recertification Kit Forms

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Item	Title	Form Number	Agency
1	Food Stamp Change Report Form	LDSS-3151 *	State
2	Recertification Form For: Temporary Assistance (TA) – Medical Assistance (MA) – Medicare Savings Program (MSP) – Food Stamp Benefits (FS)	LDSS-3174 * ¹	State
3	New York State What You Should Know About Your Rights And Responsibilities	LDSS-4148A *	State
4	New York State What You Should Know About Social Services Programs	LDSS-4148B *	State
5	New York State What You Should Know If You Have An Emergency	LDSS-4148C *	State
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7	Domestic Violence Information for all Temporary Assistance Applicants	LDSS-4905 *	State
8	How to Complete the Temporary Assistance (TA) – Medical Assistance (MA) – Medical Savings Program (MSP) – Food Stamp Benefits (FS) Recertification Form	PUB-1313 *	State
9	Helping Hands for People in Need	PUB-4916 *	State
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¹ Included in the kit for homebound interviews and when POS is down.

Cash Assistance Recertification Kit Forms

Recertification Kits for households with children include the forms on the first page and those listed below:

Item	Title	Form Number	Agency
1	Recertification Absent Parent Questionnaire	M-384d*	FIA
2	Child Care Guarantee Informational	M-528m	FIA
3	Did you know that The City of New York Will Pay For Your Child Care for your children under 13 and for children with special needs?	CS-273E	ACS
4	Child Care Fact Sheet and Planner	CS-574EE**	ACS
5	Enrollment Form for Provider of Legally-Exempt Family Child Care and Legally-Exempt In-Home Child Care	OCFS LDSS-4699**	State
6	Employment of Minors Form	OCFS LDSS-4699.1**	State
7	Employment of Minors Information	OCFS LDSS-4699.1A	State
8	Legally-Exempt In-Home Child Care Provider Agreement Form	OCFS LDSS-4699.2**	State
9	Parental Responsibilities When Employing a Legally-Exempt In-Home Child Care Provider	OCFS LDSS-4699.2A	State
10	Enrollment Form for Provider of Legally-Exempt Group Child Care	OCFS LDSS-4700**	State

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CALL THE FRAUD LINE AT

1-212-274-5030

Email: bfifraud@hra.nyc.gov

HOW BFI FIGHTS FRAUD

The Bureau of Fraud Investigation investigates complaints of Cash Assistance, Food Stamp and Medicaid fraud committed by participants and others. Thousands of cases are investigated each year.

The Bureau has a staff of highly trained professional investigators who receive information from the public, various law enforcement agencies and other City agencies.

You must report any change in your income, living arrangements, address, property or needs. It is your responsibility to tell your Job Center right away.

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WELFARE FRAUD

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BUREAU OF
FRAUD
INVESTIGATION



Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

**Human Resources
Administration**
Department of
Social Services

Robert Doar
Commissioner

WELFARE FRAUD HURTS ALL
OF US ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE
WHO REALLY NEED HELP.

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Human Resources Administration/
Department of Social Services
Bureau of Fraud Investigation
Investigation, Revenue and
Enforcement Administration

WELFARE FRAUD

COULD AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS

Welfare fraud hurts the poor and needy, wastes tax dollars and makes the public skeptical about services such as Cash Assistance, Medicaid and Food Stamps. Fraud may cause cuts in your monthly grant and in all programs.

REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD

Don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution. If you know about someone who is abusing the system, call the BFI Fraud Hotline at (212) 274-5030, e-mail us at bfifraud@nyc.hra.gov or write to us at:

BFI Complaint Unit
250 Church Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10013

You don't have to give us your name and all information you give us is confidential. The more information you can give us, the more likely it is we will be able to stop the fraud.

IT PAYS TO REPORT YOUR EARNED INCOME

YOU MUST REPORT:

- Full-time or part-time jobs, on or off the books
- Change in the number of people in your family or your household
- Child support payments
- Worker's compensation, disability payments or Supplemental Security Income
- Veteran's benefits
- Unemployment insurance benefits
- Social Security benefits or pensions
- Life insurance
- Car ownership
- Checking/savings accounts
- Property ownership
- Other money you receive

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE YOU COULD BE ARRESTED

IF YOU COMMIT FRAUD:

- You could go to jail.
- You will have to pay back all the money you got fraudulently.
- You could be stopped from getting cash assistance and food stamps.

You must report any information that could change your benefits.

If you don't fill out the application completely and honestly, you could be committing welfare fraud.



People who commit welfare crimes really are hurting the poor. We want to be sure that welfare benefits help people in need.

LLAME A LA LÍNEA DE FRAUDE AL

1-212 274-5030

Email: bfifraud@hra.nyc.gov

CÓMO EL BFI COMBATE EL FRAUDE

La Oficina de investigación de Fraude (Bureau of Fraud Investigation) investiga las denuncias sobre el Fraude de Asistencia en Efectivo, Cupones para Alimentos, y Medicaid por parte de los participantes y otros ciudadanos. Se investigan miles de casos cada año.

La Oficina cuenta con un personal de investigadores profesionales altamente capacitados que reciben información del público y de varias agencias de los Departamentos de Policía y de otras agencias de la Ciudad.

Usted debe de informar cualquier cambio en sus ingresos, alejamiento, dirección, propiedades o necesidades. Su responsabilidad es de informar inmediatamente a su centro de trabajo.

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Administración de Recursos Humanos
Departamento de Servicios Sociales

Robert Doar
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Oficina de Investigación de Fraude

EL FRAUDE DE BIENESTAR PÚBLICO NOS PERJUDICA A TODOS, ESPECIALMENTE A TODOS LAS PERSONAS QUE REALMENTE NECESITAN AYUDA

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Administración de Recursos Humanos

Oficina de Investigación de Fraudes

FRAUDE DE BIENESTAR SOCIAL

FRAUDE DE BIENESTAR PÚBLICO PUEDE AFECTAR SUS BENEFICIOS

El fraude de bienestar público perjudica a los pobres y a los más necesitados, desperdicia fondos Públicos y crea respecto a los servicios de Asistencia en Efectivo, Medicaid y Cupones para Alimentos. El fraude puede causar reducciones en su concesión mensual y en todos los programas.

DENUNCIE SOSPECHAS DE FRAUDE

No sea parte del problema, sea parte de la solución. Si usted sabe de alguien que esté abusando del sistema, llame a la Línea de Fraude al (212) 274-5030, mande un correo electrónico a la dirección (email) bfifraud@nyc.hra.gov o escribanos a:

BFI Complaint Unit
250 Church Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10013

Usted no tiene que dar su nombre y toda la información que usted nos dé será confidencial. Mientras más información nos provea, mayor será la posibilidad de que nosotros podamos poner fin al fraude.

SI INFORMAR SOBRE SUS INGRESOS DEVENGADOS LE RESULTARÁ PROVECHOSO

USTED TIENE QUE INFORMAR SOBRE:

- Trabajos de tiempo parcial o completo, dentro o fuera de los libros
- Cambios en el número de miembros en su familia y/o en su hogar.
- Pagos de mantenimiento de niños
- Compensación laboral, pagos por su incapacidad o Ingresos de seguridad Suplementario (Supplemental Security Income – SSI)
- Beneficios de seguro de desempleo
- Beneficios para veteranos
- Seguro de vida
- Beneficios y pensiones de Seguro Social
- Posesión de automóvil
- Cuentas de ahorros
- Posesión de propiedades
- Otras fuentes de ingreso Financiero

NO CORRA UN RIESGO. USTED PODRÍA SER ARRESTADO(A)

SI COMETE FRAUDE:

- Usted podría ir a la cárcel
- Usted tendría que devolver todo el dinero que obtuvo de forma fraudulenta
- Sus beneficios de asistencia en Efectivo y Cupones para Alimentos pueden ser suspendidos.

Usted tiene que informar acerca de cualquier dato que puede cambiar sus beneficios

Si usted no llena la solicitud completa y honestamente usted podría estar cometiendo un fraude del bienestar Público.



Las personas que cometan crímenes de bienestar público en realidad perjudican a los pobres. Nosotros queremos asegurarnos de que los beneficios del bienestar público Ayudan a las Personas Que lo Necesitan.

State of New York
David A. Paterson, Governor



New York State
Office of Temporary and
Disability Assistance
David A. Hansell, Commissioner

www.otda.state.ny.us

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For more information about resources for "working families" visit the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website at: www.otda.state.ny.us

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HELPING HANDS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED



*New York State understands that
sometimes it is difficult for working
families to make ends meet.*

*This brochure contains information
on the various resources available
to strengthen your household.*

FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

Food Stamp Benefits assist eligible individuals and working families to purchase food. Eligibility and benefit levels are based on household size, income, assets and other factors. The Food Stamp Program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered in New York by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and local social services offices. Available benefits are provided through an electronic benefit card that works just like a regular debit card. All Food Stamp recipients are eligible for **free** nutrition education to help them make sound nutritional choices on a limited income. For more information and to find out where to apply call toll-free: **1-800-342-3009**.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

These programs provide nutritionally balanced meals to school children for free or at a minimal cost. Families may apply for the programs by submitting a Household Income Application which is provided by the school. The school is then responsible for certifying the student for free, reduced-price, or paid meals. If you are currently in receipt of Cash Assistance or Food Stamp Benefits, your children are automatically eligible for free meals.

FOOD BANKS

New York State Food Banks provide safe and nutritious food to food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. Food banks in your area can provide you with a list of programs to access free emergency food.

Food Bank of Northeastern New York:

1-518-786-3691

Food Bank of Western New York:

1-716-852-1305

Catholic Charities Food Bank of the Southern Tier:

1-607-796-6061

Long Island Cares:

1-631-582-3663

Food Bank for New York City:

1-212-566-7855

Food Link: **1-585-328-3380**

Food Bank of Central New York: **1-866-839-7304**, and

Food Bank for Westchester: **1-914-923-1100**.

EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT SERVICES

In New York State, the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program provides employment and training services for recipients of Food Stamp Benefits to help them toward self-sufficiency. At a minimum all districts offer Job Search and Job Readiness Training. Other districts offer work experience, on-the-job training, vocational training, education and job skills training. Individuals who are interested in receiving these services should contact or visit their local social services office. In addition, New York State's Workforce New York One-Stop System provides services through a network of local One Stop Centers and affiliate sites. Services include labor market information; current job listings; job search, resumé preparation and interviewing techniques; a computer resource room for job search activities; assessment of skills and aptitudes; employment counseling and training and education programs. To find the nearest service location and local contacts visit the Website: www.workforcenewyork.org/onestops.htm

Additional information about finding a job and career development may also be found on the NYS Department of Labor's home page: www.labor.state.ny.us - link to "Career Services"

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) assists low-income New Yorkers in paying heating bills. HEAP also provides assistance with furnace repair and/or replacement and home weatherization. HEAP payments vary depending on household income and the type of heat used. You may be eligible for regular HEAP benefits even if you have money in the bank or other financial resources. To apply, contact your county social services office or your county office for the aging.

For more information call **1-800-342-3009** or visit the Website at: www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Local Public and Indian Housing Authorities administer housing assistance programs such as:

Public Housing which provides low-cost apartments and townhouses for eligible low-income families, the working poor and the elderly.

Section 8 Housing which provides vouchers to eligible low-income and working families, so they can rent code compliant housing. A rental subsidy is paid directly by the housing agency to the landlord on behalf of the participating family. The tenant pays the difference between actual rent charged and the amount subsidized by the program. There is a limited amount of Section 8 housing assistance available. Therefore, it is important for anyone interested in these programs to get his/her name on a waiting list as soon as possible. Contact the Public Housing Authority in your town or county for more information.

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

The NYS Strengthening Families through Stronger Fathers initiative bridges the gap between employment programs, welfare programs and child support policies through a first in the nation Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for non-custodial parents and the establishment of five separate pilot programs aimed at promoting responsible fatherhood. For more information please visit the website: www.dads.ny.gov

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

If you have earned income and have taken care of a qualifying child for more than half the year, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from New York State as well as from the federal government. To claim the credit, you must file both federal and state income tax forms. Everyone's circumstances are different, but you may qualify to receive a combined Federal and State EITC up to \$6,000 if your income is under \$39,783. For more details, check www.irs.gov, call the IRS toll-free at **1-800-829-1040**, or visit your nearby Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.

MEDICAID

Medical assistance or Medicaid is available to help people who cannot afford to pay for all of their medical care. For information on how you can apply for Medicaid call your local social services office, whose phone number can be found in the "Blue Pages" of your phone book. In New York City, you can contact the Human Resources Administration by calling **1-718-557-1399**. Residents of the five boroughs of New York City may also call toll-free at **1-877-472-8411**. Pregnant women and children can apply at many clinics, hospitals, and Prenatal Care Assistance Program offices. If you are in a facility operated by the New York State Office of Mental Health, contact the patient resource office. If you are in a facility certified by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, contact the revenue and reimbursement office. For information on how you can apply for Medicaid call your local social services office, whose phone number can be found in the "Blue Pages" of your phone book or call the helpline at **1-800-541-2831**.

CHILD HEALTH PLUS

Child Health Plus (CHPlus) is a public health insurance program for children under 19 years old whose family income is too high to qualify for Medicaid. CHPlus coverage is provided through managed care organizations. To get more information, call the Child Health Plus helpline toll-free at **1-800-698-4543**.

FAMILY HEALTH PLUS

Family Health Plus (FHP) is a New York State health insurance program for adults with limited income who do not have health insurance. It offers comprehensive health care coverage through managed care plans to single adults and couples without children, and parents who are financially ineligible for Medicaid. To be eligible for FHP, individuals must be age 19 through 64, ineligible for Medicaid and meet certain other eligibility criteria. To get more information, call the Family Health Plus helpline toll-free at **1-877-934-7587**.

HELP IN ENROLLING FOR MEDICAID, CHILD HEALTH PLUS OR FAMILY HEALTH PLUS

If you would like someone to assist you in applying for Medicaid (Adult and Child), Family Health Plus or Child

Health Plus, there are enrollers in your community who can help. These enrollers will help you fill out the application, collect the necessary documents, and select a health plan. In many cases, assistance is available during evenings and weekends. To learn the nearest location where application assistance is available, please call **1-800-698-4KID (1-800-698-4543)**, or check the list on www.nyhealth.gov

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a special supplemental food program that provides nutritious foods, milk, juice, formula and other items to low-income pregnant or breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age 5. To get more information, call the Growing Up Healthy hotline toll-free at **1-800-522-5006**.

CHILD CARE

New York State offers many resources including subsidies to low-income families to make safe quality child care accessible and affordable. You should contact your county social services office for information. To find out more, visit the Website: <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us>

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

The Child Support program helps strengthen families by placing the responsibility for supporting children on those parents with the financial resources to provide such support. The program assists custodial parents in establishing paternity, and obtaining, modifying and enforcing financial and medical support obligations. Child support services are available free of charge to anyone who applies. For additional information on child support services, you may call **1-800-846-0773** or visit www.newyorkchildsupport.com

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence affects the entire community. If you or someone you know is being abused and you would like more information on what you can do to keep yourself, your family or neighbors safe, call toll-free **1-800-942-6906** or visit the Website: www.opdv.state.ny.us/victims

HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES

OTDA administers an array of programs to address problems related to homelessness in New York. Several of the programs provide essential services to homeless persons to stabilize their housing situation and increase levels of self-sufficiency. If you are homeless and need assistance, please contact your local social services office.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program provides monthly cash benefits to elderly, blind, and disabled individuals with limited income and resources. OTDA is responsible for determining certain aspects of eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance and SSI programs. To apply for Social Security Disability Insurance or SSI benefits, call toll-free **1-800-772-1213**.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

If you ever served in the United States Armed Forces and were discharged under honorable conditions, you are a veteran. In addition to healthcare, substance abuse and mental health services, burial benefits, educational benefits, and employment assistance, you may be eligible for monetary benefits in the form of service-connected compensation and/or non-service connected disability pension payments through the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs. Contact the NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs toll-free **1-888-838-7697** or visit their Website at: www.veterans.state.ny.us to locate a State Veteran Benefits Counselor nearest you.

BUREAU OF REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE

OTDA provides services and assistance to certain immigrant populations, including refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, and other immigrants. To obtain assistance with citizenship matters, call toll-free **1-800-566-7636**. To obtain any of the other services or assistance described above, call **1-518-402-3096**. To find a list of service providers visit the Website: www.otda.state.ny.us/main/bria

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- You will have to pay back all the money you got fraudulently.
- You could be stopped from getting Public Assistance and Food Stamps.

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**Peter Jenik,
Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Bureau of Fraud Investigation
ORI/BFI**

**Call the
Fraudline
at
(212) 274-5030**

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**City of New York
Mayor
Michael Bloomberg**

**Human Resources Administration
Commissioner
Verna Eggleston**

**Bureau of Fraud Investigation
Director
Eric Plasa**

**Welfare
Fraud**

***Hurts all of us,
and cheats the people
who really need help.***

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Fraud Investigation**

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Welfare Fraud Could Affect Your Benefits

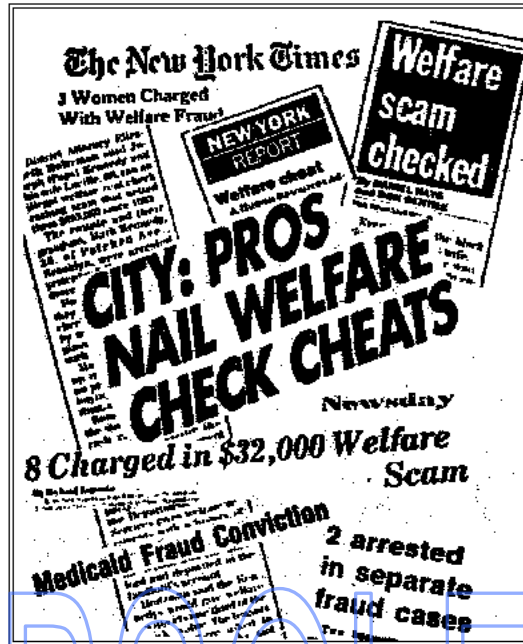
Welfare fraud is more than stealing from the system. It hurts the poor and needy, wastes tax dollars and makes the public angry about welfare. Fraud may cause cuts in your monthly grant and in all programs.

Report Suspected Fraud

Don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution. If you know about someone who is cheating or stealing, call the Fraud Line at 1 (212) 274-5030 or write to us at:

BFI Complaint Unit
250 Church St. 3rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10013

All information you give us is confidential and you don't have to give your name. The more information you can give us, the more likely it is we will be able to stop the fraud.



How BFI Fights Fraud

The Bureau of Fraud Investigation investigates complaints of Welfare, Food Stamps, and Medicaid fraud from participants, staff and other citizens. Thousands of cases are investigated each year.

The Bureau has a staff of highly trained professional investigators who receive information from the New York City Housing Authority, Police Departments, Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), the IRS, District Attorney's Office and other city agencies. The bureau also utilizes computers, surveillance, photographs and other technological methods to uncover welfare cheats.

Protect Your Benefits

You must report any change in your income, living arrangements, address, property, or needs. It is your responsibility to tell your Job Center right away.

IT PAYS TO REPORT YOUR EARNED INCOME

If you do, almost half of your income will not be budgeted towards your grant and you may receive additional child care benefits. However, if you do not report your income, your total income will be budgeted, you will not receive child care benefits and you may face criminal prosecution, or an administrative Hearing that may result in a reduction of your grant.

You Must Report:

- Full time or part-time jobs, on or off the books
- Change in the number of people in your family or your household
- Child support payments
- Worker's compensation, disability payments, or supplemental security income
- Veteran's benefits
- Unemployment insurance benefits
- Social security benefits or pensions
- Life insurance
- Car ownership
- Savings accounts
- Other money you receive

No corra un riesgo. Usted podría ser arrestado(a).

Si comete fraude:

- Usted puede ir a la cárcel.
- Usted tendrá que devolver todo el dinero que obtuvo en forma fraudulenta.
- Sus beneficios de Asistencia Pública y Cupones de Alimentos pueden ser suspendidos.

Usted tiene que informar acerca de cualquier dato que pueda cambiar sus beneficios. Si usted no llena la solicitud por completa y honestamente, usted podría estar cometiendo un fraude del Bienestar Público.

"Las personas que cometan crímenes de Bienestar Público en realidad perjudican a los pobres. Nosotros queremos asegurarnos de que los beneficios del Bienestar Público socorran a las personas necesitadas."

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Llame a
la línea
de Fraude al
(212) 274-5030

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Fraude del Bienestar Público

*El Fraude del bienestar
público nos afecta a
todos y estafa a las
personas que realmente
lo necesitan.*

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El Fraude del Bienestar Público Puede Afectar Sus Beneficios.

El Fraude de bienestar público es más que un robo al sistema. Afecta a los pobres y a los más necesitados, desperdicia fondos públicos, y enfada a la población con respecto al bienestar público. El fraude puede causar reducciones de su concesión mensual y de todos los programas.

Denuncie Sospechas de Fraude.

¡No sea parte del problema, sea parte de la solución! Si usted sabe de alguien que esté cometiendo un fraude o un robo, llame a la Línea de Fraude al 1 (212) 274-5030, o escribanos a:

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Toda información que usted nos provea será confidencial y usted no tiene que revelar su identidad. Mientras más información nos provea, mayor será la posibilidad de que nosotros podamos poner fin al fraude.



Cómo el BFI Combate el Fraude

La Oficina de Investigación de Fraudes (Bureau of Fraud Investigation) investiga las denuncias, por parte de los participantes, el personal y los ciudadanos, de fraude de Bienestar Público, Cupones para Alimentos, y de Medicaid. Se investigan miles de casos al año.

Nuestra Oficina cuenta con un personal de investigadores profesionales altamente capacitados que reciben información de la Autoridad de Vivienda de la ciudad de Nueva York (New York City Housing Authority), los Departamentos de Policía, el Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización (INS), el IRS, la Oficina del Fiscal de Distrito Judicial (District Attorney's Office) y de otras agencias de la ciudad. La oficina también se sirve de computadoras, vigilancia, fotografías y otros métodos tecnológicos para detectar estafadores de la bienestar público.

Proteja Sus Beneficios

Usted tiene que informar a las autoridades de cualquier cambio en su ingreso, su alojamiento, dirección, propiedades, o necesidades. Usted tiene la responsabilidad de avisar inmediatamente a su Centro de Trabajo.

EL INFORMAR SOBRE SUS INGRESOS DEVENGADOS RESULTA PROVECHOSO

Si lo hiciera, casi la mitad de sus ganancias no serán atribuidas al presupuesto de su concesión y usted podría recibir beneficios adicionales para el cuidado infantil. Sin embargo, Si usted no informara sus ingresos, sus ingresos totales serían presupuestados, usted no recibiría ningún tipo de beneficios para el cuidado infantil y usted puede enfrentar enjuiciamiento criminal o una audiencia Administrativa que puede resultar en la reducción de su concesión.

Usted Tiene que Informar a las Autoridades Sobre:

- Trabajos a tiempo parcial o completo, dentro o fuera de cuentas.
- Cambios en el número de miembros en su familia u hogar.
- Pagos de Mantenimiento de Niños.
- Compensación laboral, pagos por incapacidad, o Ingreso de Seguridad Suplementario (Supplemental Security Income)
- Beneficios para veteranos
- Beneficios de seguro de desempleo
- Beneficios y pensiones de seguro social
- Seguro de vida
- Posesión de automóvil
- Cuentas de ahorros
- Otras fuentes de dinero