



# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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### PAYMENT OF NYCHA RENT ARREARS FOR RESIDENTS OF HOMELESS SHELTERS

<b>Date:</b> February 26, 2004	<b>Subtopic(s):</b> Housing and Homeless Services
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>Individual(s) eligible for this voluntary program must pay outstanding NYCHA arrears from their own resources.</p> <p>Please do not refer these cases to the Rental Assistance unit (RAU) or the Homelessness Diversion Unit (HDU).</p>	<p>This bulletin is to inform staff that the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) has implemented a program that will allow residents in homeless shelters and facilities who have lost their eligibility for public housing and Section 8 subsidies due to unpaid rent arrears owed to New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) the opportunity to renew their eligibility by agreeing to pay the arrears.</p> <p>Although the program is voluntary, not all individuals will be eligible to participate. To be eligible, individuals must agree to pay outstanding arrears from their own resources. Centers should not issue special grants to cover these arrears.</p> <p>There may be instances where a resident of a DHS facility who owes NYCHA rent arrears comes into a Job Center requesting assistance to pay NYCHA rent arrears. In such instances, the individual must be referred to his/her housing specialist at the homeless shelter or facility because eligibility for this repayment program is administered through DHS only.</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p>

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