



OFFICE OF POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING

POLICY BULLETIN # 22-18-ELI

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) REGULAR ARREARS SUPPLEMENT (RAS) CLOSING DATE

Date: March 11, 2022	Subtopic(s): HEAP
	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center, Non-Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA), and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) staff that the HEAP Regular Arrears Supplement (RAS) benefit is ending on March 15, 2022. This policy bulletin is informational for all other staff.</p> <p>Staff and alternate certifiers must accept applications for the RAS benefit through the close of business (COB) on March 15, 2022, unless staff are notified otherwise.</p> <p>Mail-in applications that are postmarked on or before March 15, 2022, meet the deadline and must be processed.</p> <p>All RAS applications must be processed in accordance with instructions found in GIS 21 TA/DC065 and GIS 22 TA/DC006.</p> <p>All applications for RAS benefits received after the COB on March 15, 2022 must be denied in the HEAP system using code 22 (Your household's HEAP application was received after the program closing date for this HEAP year).</p> <p>After March 15, 2022, Job Center staff will resume the regular processing of utility arrears grants and applicants/participants should not be denied or be told to apply for RAS. Staff will no longer have to fill out the RAS worksheet. Refer to PD#17-24-ELI for further information on processing utility arrears grants.</p> <p>As a reminder, although RAS is ending, the dates of operation for the Regular and Emergency HEAP benefit components have been extended from March 15, 2022 to April 29, 2022, or until funds allocated to these components are exhausted, whichever comes first. After March 15, 2022, those at risk of a utility turn-off may also apply for emergency assistance (One-Shot Deal) through regular</p>

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application/special grant channels.

Effective Immediately

References

[GIS 21 TA/DC065](#)

[GIS 22 TA/DC006](#).

[GIS 22 TA/DC022](#)

[New York State HEAP Manual](#)

Related Items

[PB#21-57-OPE](#)

[PD#17-24-ELI](#)

[PD#21-01-ELI](#)