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TO: Commissioners; FS Directors; TA Directors; WMS Coordinators; Staff Development Coordinators

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SUBJECT: NYSNIP shelter Type 98 Standard Benefit Amount Adjustments

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2012

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Purpose

The purpose of this GIS is to inform the local social services districts about a \$35 increase, **effective May 1, 2012**, to the minimum NYSNIP food stamp benefit amounts received by NYSNIP participant households having Shelter Type Code '98- SSI Shelter Cost and SUA Unknown'. A Mass Re-budgeting/Re-Authorization will be run on March 17, 2012 to automatically re-budget eligible cases.

Information regarding the WMS MRB/A of NYSNIP benefit levels was provided in **ABEL Transmittal 12-1**.

Background

USDA approved the increase to the minimum NYSNIP benefit levels, based on its analysis of a required cost neutrality evaluation of NYSNIP conducted by OTDA.

Program Implications

Only benefits in Shelter Types 98 are affected by the 5/1/12 change.

NYSNIP BENEFITS MATRIX BY SHELTER TYPES
05/01/12 - 09/30/12

HOUSEHOLD		MONTHLY FOOD STAMP BENEFIT AMOUNT		
		New York City	Nassau/Suffolk	Upstate
Shelter Type 94 (High Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$200	\$200	\$200
	Other Income	\$200	\$200	\$200
Shelter Type 95 (Low Shelter/SUA)	SSI Only	\$200	\$188	\$165
	Other Income	\$195	\$179	\$156
Shelter Type 96 (High Shelter/ SUA/\$1 HEAP)	SSI Only	\$200	\$200	\$200
	Other Income	\$200	\$200	\$200
Shelter Type 97 (Low Shelter/ SUA/\$1 HEAP)	SSI Only	\$200	\$188	\$165
	Other Income	\$195	\$179	\$156
Shelter Type 98 (No Shelter or SUA Data)	SSI Only	\$86	\$86	\$86
	Other Income	\$82	\$82	\$82