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Date: June 28, 1994

Division: Economic Security

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the 1993-94 HEAP
State Plan

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Copy of Public Notice - available on-line
Attachment B: Registration Form - available on-line
Attachment C: Proposed Amendment to the 1993-94 HEAP
State Plan - available on-line

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that the New York State Department of Social Services will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 1993-94 New York State Plan for the Home Energy Assistance Program.

The hearing will take place on July 12, 1994 at 40 N. Pearl Street, 11th floor conference room, Albany, NY 12243, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. An informational notice will appear in newspapers Statewide on June 28, 1994.

Copies of the public notice, the registration form and the proposed amendment are enclosed.

We encourage you to comment on the proposed amendment. Written comments will be accepted through July 19, 1994.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing or proposed amendments, you may contact the Bureau of Energy Programs at 1-800-343-8859, extension 4-9321.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Economic Security

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

1993-94 Home Energy Assistance Program
Proposed Amendment

Public Hearing Scheduled
Amendment Available for Review

In accordance with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, the State of New York publishes a notice of intent to amend the 1993-94 New York State Plan for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The current 1993-94 HEAP State Plan allocates fifteen (15) percent of the annual New York State LIHEAP allocation to support weatherization activities. The amendment under consideration is a proposal to allocate up to an additional \$10 million to NYS weatherization initiatives.

REVIEWING OR OBTAINING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE PLAN: The proposed amendment will be available for inspection at local department of social services' offices. Copies of the proposed amendment may be requested by calling, toll-free, 1-800-342-3009, extension 4-9321 or by writing to the Bureau of Energy Programs, New York State Department of Social Services, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12243.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing on the proposed amendment to the State Plan will be conducted on:

- o Tuesday, July 12, 1994 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., 40 North Pearl Street, 11th floor Conference Room, Albany, New York 12243.

Individuals/organizations wishing to present their views at this hearing should register by calling 1-800-342-3009, extension 4-9321. Persons who have pre-registered will be called upon to speak first. Others will be called in the order in which they register.

Statements should be limited to the proposed amendment only. Testimony is limited to five minutes. Speakers must submit three (3) written copies of their statements.

There will be no photocopying facilities available at this hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments on the proposed amendment will be accepted no later than July 19, 1994 and should be addressed to: John C. Fredericks, Director, Bureau of Energy Programs, New York State Department of Social Services, 40 N. Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12243. Written comments received by the Department will be available for public inspection.

New York State Department of Social Services
PUBLIC HEARING
TO
PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
NEW YORK STATE PLAN
FOR THE 1993-94 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)

Albany, July 12, 1994 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at 40 North Pearl Street,
11th floor Conference Room, Albany, New York 12243.

Persons wishing to present their views at the hearing are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail to:

Mr. John C. Fredericks, Director
Energy Bureau
New York State Department of
Social Services
40 North Pearl Street
7th Floor, Section D
Albany, New York 12243

Telephone: 1-800-342-3009
Extension 4-9321
or
(518) 474-9321

To assure your pre-registration, please respond three days prior to the scheduled hearing date, or call the above number if you have any questions.

I plan to attend the public hearing and I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. I will limit my statement to a maximum of five minutes and I will provide three copies of my prepared statement.

NOTE: There will not be any photocopying facilities available at the hearing.

STATEMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE PLAN FOR THE 1993-94 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) ONLY.

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Pursuant to New York State (NYS) statute, NYS must set aside 15% of its annual LIHEAP allocation to support weatherization activities. Funding set aside for weatherization will be distributed as follows:

- o The NYSDSS will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NYS Department of State (DOS) to transfer fourteen (14) percent of the NYS FY 1994 LIHEAP allocation to DOS to support weatherization services through its Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). DOS/WAP will utilize DOE guidelines with the exception that participation in the HEAP funded portion of DOS/WAP will not be precluded because of the receipt of prior weatherization services by the applicant household. On a case by case basis, where an energy audit or assessment identifies an additional weatherization need, further weatherization services may be provided. The DOS/WAP HEAP weatherization allocation will be sub-allocated and dedicated to the following specified activities:
 - oo 10% - DOS/WAP traditional weatherization activities.
 - oo 1% - To distributed by DOS to local departments of social services for weatherization packaging activities.
 - oo 1% - To be allocated for crisis furnace replacements. This crisis benefit will be provided through the DOS/WAP local subgrantee network.
 - oo 2% - To be dedicated to the targeted weatherization of LDSS-identified priority households. Priority weatherization services will be provided through the DOS/WAP subgrantee network.
- o The NYSDSS will enter into a MOU with the NYS Office for the Aging (SOFA) to transfer one (1) percent of the NYS FY 1994 LIHEAP allocation to SOFA for weatherization packaging activities.
- o An additional amount, not to exceed \$10M from NYS' 1993-94 supplemental appropriation will be utilized for the weatherization initiatives listed above. Since the additional funding will exceed the 15% statutory set aside limit, NYSDSS will obtain approval from HHS to effect the excess set aside.

NOTE: Any FY 1993 funding allocated for weatherization activities which was not obligated by 9/30/93 will be carried forward and earmarked for distribution, during FFY 1994, in a manner as intended and described in NYS' LIHEAP state plan for 1992-93 (FFY 1993).

* BOLDED AND UNDERLINED TEXT REPRESENTS PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE.