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TRANSMITTAL: 91 INF-23

TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Income
 Maintenance

DATE: April 17, 1991

SUBJECT: Food Stamp Standard Utility Allowance and Heating/Air
 Conditioning Allowance Increases (1991)

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Food Stamp Directors
 Income Maintenance Directors
 Staff Development Coordinators

CONTACT PERSON: County Food Stamp Representative at 1-800-342-3715,
 extension 4-9225.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment I - 1991 Standard Utility Allowances -
 (available on-line).
 Attachment II - Notice of Intent to Increase Food
 Stamp Benefits - Standard Utility Allowances - (not
 available on-line).

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
	90 INF-10	387.12 (e) (3)(v)		FSSB Sections XI-D-1 v-3-all	ABEL Transmittal 91-1

The purpose of this release is to inform local districts of increases to the food stamp standard utility allowances and heating/air conditioning allowances effective April 1, 1991. Increases apply to the standard utility allowances and heating/air conditioning allowances only in those local districts indicated on the attached chart.

All other local district standard allowances remain unchanged.

The Statewide standard telephone allowance for all local districts effective April 1, 1991 remains at \$34 per month.

The Food Stamp Source Book will be updated to reflect the information contained in this release.

Local District Action

A. NYC

Increased food stamp benefits are to be provided to households affected by this policy as part of the WMS mass rebudgeting scheduled for March. Further details regarding this mass rebudgeting will be issued in a forthcoming ABEL Transmittal.

B. Rest of State

Increased food stamp benefits are to be provided to households affected by this policy as part of the WMS FS Expense Allowance Increase (FSI MRB/A) scheduled for February. Further details regarding this mass rebudgeting were issued in ABEL Transmittal 91-1. Beginning February 11, 1991 WMS ABEL will support use of the increased standard allowances for FS budgets with a from date of April 1, 1991 or later.

C. Notices - Statewide

Households who are mass rebudgeted and receive increased food stamp benefits will receive an automated "Notice of Intent to Increase Food Stamp Benefits - Standard Utility Allowances" (see attached copy). Households that are mass rebudgeting "Exceptions" that are eligible for increased food stamp benefits must manually be issued a copy of the "Notice of Intent to Increase Food Stamp Benefits - Standard Utility Allowances". This manual notice is to be reproduced by local districts and must include the client's name, address, case number, local district telephone number for questions, appropriate increased standard allowance and appropriate State fair hearing telephone number.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Income Maintenance

1991 STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES
EFFECTIVE 4/1/91

* Allowance Unchanged From Previous Year

<u>County</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Heating Air Conditioning</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Albany	119	150	269
Allegheny	119	151	270
Broome	119	153	272
Cattaraugus	119	152	271
Cayuga	122	154	276
Chautauqua	122	157	279
Chemung	121	157	278
Chenango	119	152	271
Clinton	127	162	289
Columbia	123	153	276
Cortland	119	152	271
Delaware	119	153	272
Dutchess	125*	163	288
Erie	122	158	280
Essex	127	162	289
Franklin	127	162	289
Fulton	115	145	260
Genesee	119	155	274
Greene	125*	163	288
Hamilton	127	162	289
Herkimer	120	152	272
Jefferson	115	145	260
Lewis	120	152	272

<u>County</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Heating Air Conditioning</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Livingston	119	152	271
Madison	120	152	272
Monroe	118	150	268
Montgomery	115	145	260
Nassau	141*	177*	318*
New York City	158*	205	363
Niagara	122	158	280
Oneida	120	152	272
Onondaga	119	152	271
Ontario	119	154	273
Orange	127	171	298
Orleans	113	145	258
Oswego	115	145	260
Otsego	119	152	271
Putnam	128	166	294
Rensselaer	120	152	272
Rockland	141*	182	323
St. Lawrence	115	146	261
Saratoga	120	152	272
Schenectady	115	145	260
Schoharie	127	162	289
Schuyler	119	153	272
Seneca	123	159	282
Steuben	121	158	279
Suffolk	151	217	368
Sullivan	130*	162	292

<u>County</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Heating Air Conditioning</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tioga	122	158	280
Tompkins	123	159	282
Ulster	125*	163	288
Warren	115	145	260
Washington	120	152	272
Wayne	120	154	274
Westchester	138*	186	324
Wyoming	120	153	273
Yates	121	156	277

Telephone Standard - All Local Districts - \$34*