

District Manager's Report

April, 2024

Mayor's Office Reported: IDNYC Program Overview and Document Requirement Webinar - [IDNYC](#) is a free, municipal photo identification card for all New York City residents ages 10 and up, regardless of their immigration status. It is for use in the five boroughs and provides access to a wide variety of services and programs offered by the City. IDNYC cardholders enjoy benefits and discounts offered by businesses and cultural institutions across the five boroughs. It can be used as a public library card, to access immunization records, and to open a bank account at select financial institutions.

Please note: IDNYC does not provide work authorization, nor does it impact immigration status.

To support IDNYC in its messaging and share necessary operational, enrollment and program updates, the DSS Office of Community Outreach (OCO) is pleased to offer ongoing virtual [IDNYC Program Overview and Document Requirement Webinars](#) to our community partners, advocacy organizations, municipal agencies and elected official offices. This training will provide an overview of the [IDNYC program](#), the requirements needed to ensure applicants meet the criteria for [applying for an IDNYC card](#), as well as a live walkthrough of the [IDNYC Document Calculator](#).

Department of Buildings Reported: NYC DOB Administrative Unit (AEU)-Get Summons Corrected. In March the Department of Buildings launched its new education and outreach campaign, "Get Summons Corrected" (GSC). The goal of the campaign is to get more summonses certified as corrected by increasing the Public's awareness of the need to certify correction and educating them on the process of certifying correction. The DOB would like to introduce the campaign to homeowners, new home buyers, and other stakeholders who are undoubtedly impacted when a summons is issued or remains unresolved on a property. Please register at: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1d89f00d-335b-45f6-b4be-5d1ee88a1149@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef>

HRA Reported: Option to Select Sex Designation of “X”

All applicants and participants will now have the option of selecting “X” as a sex designation on their CA, SNAP, and Medicaid application or recertification form as well as request to change their current designation in HRA systems. ACCESS HRA has been updated to provide this option and all paper application kits have been updated to include new versions of state forms. Application types impacted are:

Cash Assistance:

- CA Initial Application
- CA Recertification
- CA Case Change – Add New Household Member

SNAP:

- SNAP Initial Application
- SNAP Recertification
- SNAP Case Change – Add New Household Member
- SNAP Periodic – Add New Household Member

Medicaid:

- MA Initial Application
- MSP Application
- MA Renewal

Note: The addition of the ‘X’ option for Sex was previously implemented for HEAP Regular applications in Release 7.5 in December 2023.

2023-24 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): Revised Regular and Emergency Benefit Closing Dates and Second Emergency Benefit

The dates of operation for the 2023-2024 Regular and Emergency benefit components have been extended from March 15, 2024 to April 12, 2024, or until funds allocated to this component are exhausted, whichever comes first. In addition to the program extensions, a second HEAP Emergency benefit for heat and heat-related emergencies is available effective immediately.

Emergency benefits are available to assist eligible households with a heating emergency or a heat-related domestic emergency. Only one Emergency benefit of each type is available per HEAP household for the 2023-2024 program year. Regular component benefits, if available, must be utilized first to resolve heating emergencies for eligible households. Temporary relocation for housing emergencies and propane tank deposits to obtain new propane vendors are also available under the Emergency benefit component.

To apply for an **Emergency HEAP** benefit, applicants can call **718-557-1399** or visit a [HEAP BAC location](#).

Note: Emergency HEAP benefit applicants will not be able to apply on ACCESS HRA.

For more information, including detailed eligibility requirements, click https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/?utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9IuUz0LjJLcL3qm_zR_HHRmNSyXQi0DtbMDqYSMmCoBd9s56nuCH4gv1R3h1WRlagSKJlb-v3w1Uxh7HbotOrN6TA63g&hsmi=300452754&utm_content=300452754&utm_source=hs_email#emergency-benefit

Social Security Administration Reported: April is National Financial Capability Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of financial literacy and education. Social Security is proud to once again support [America Saves Week](#), taking place from April 8 through April 12. America Saves Week is an annual celebration, sponsored by the Consumer Federation of America, that encourages Americans to commit to planning for a secure financial future.

This year's theme is **Saving for What Matters Most**. Each day focuses on a critical area of financial wellness along with a call to action.

- **Saving For Major Milestones** | Wednesday, April 10
- **Paying Down Debt is Saving** | Thursday, April 11
- **Saving At Any Age** | Friday, April 12

America Saves Week is a great time to review our [online retirement planning tools](#). Social Security benefits are a critical part of retirement income but should not be the only source. Please help your clients take a closer look at other sources they will need for a secure retirement.

This is also a great time to remind your clients to open a personal [my Social Security](#) account, which is the best way for them to see their Social Security benefits grow over time. The *Statement* is one of the most effective tools a person can use to learn about their earnings and future Social Security benefits. Additionally, our Plan for Retirement tool, accessible through [my Social Security](#), allows your clients to see how much they could receive each month from us based on the age they might want to start receiving benefits.

Please share this information with your members, colleagues, and affiliates, and encourage them to use, or sign up for, their personal [my Social Security](#) account today.

Civic Engagement Commission Reported: 2 upcoming informational workshops that will be led by the NYC Department of Housing & Preservation (HPD) regarding fair housing and affordable housing (please see the event details and registration links below for more information).

HPD WORKSHOP ON FAIR HOUSING

Representatives from the NYC Department of Housing & Preservation (HPD) Office of Neighborhood Strategies HPD present a fair housing workshop that builds off of NYC's fair housing plan- Where We Live NYC. They share insight into fair housing history and concepts, the City's progress on fair housing initiatives, and explore the ways community boards can further fair housing in their communities. There are two opportunities to attend this session.

When: Apr 11, 2024 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/92853262190?pwd=UQDFiSUzdev5Z6bo>

When: Apr 18, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/92853262190?pwd=hrz8uH9Bf7KovMeoPaPIDw_aTs4si

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

HPD Workshop on Affordable Housing

"Affordable housing"- it's a simple phrase that actually refers to a complex assortment of housing types and tools. Representatives from the NYC Department of Housing & Preservation (HPD) Office of Neighborhood Strategies unpack the landscape of affordable housing in NYC. They share insights on the several housing crises the City is facing today, their underlying causes, and how City agencies are working to tackle these issues. There are two opportunities to attend this session.

When: Apr 16, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/92853262190?pwd=prz8pHN0N03q3md0PcvyPLUpjzLHu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Upcoming Events/Announcement:

Narcan Training with HHI

April 16th, 2024 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM | In-Person | CUNY SPH 55 W 125th Street Ground Floor | [Register Here](#)

The Harlem Health Initiative hosts a Narcan Training with the NYC DOHMH to educate and empower the community. Learn how to administer Narcan, a life-saving medication that can reverse opioid overdoses. Attendees will receive a Narcan bag

and test strips for Xylazine (Tranq) & Fentanyl. This event is open to all and aims to increase awareness and preparedness. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a difference and save lives!

Rising Rates of Congenital Syphilis & Access to Care: Part 3

**April 17th, 2024 12 PM - 1:30 PM | Hybrid | CUNY SPH 55 W 125th Street
Ground Floor | [Register Here](#)**

Join us for Part 3 of the Rising Rates of Congenital Syphilis & Access to Care series, where we will reexamine New York's syphilis data, share an active research program centering community, and provide methods for everyone to get involved with advocacy, patient care, individual health, and more.

This is a **HYBRID EVENT**; **please** choose your ticket type when registering to indicate if you will attend in person or via Zoom as in-person space is limited.

DID you know???

Community Advisory: NO PARKING on Monday, April 15th through Friday, April 19th, 2024; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. These temporary restrictions are to facilitate the excavation for catch basins and chute connections on W. 125th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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