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From: Regulatory Affairs Unit

Date: March 31, 2015

Re: **Rent Allowance Offset (SSI update) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Offset**

Suggested distribution:

Agency Administrators
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Purpose:

OPWDD has finalized the proposed regulations that update the rent allowance offset for Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs) & Community Residences (CRs) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit offset for supervised IRAs and supervised CRs. OPWDD originally filed these regulations as emergency/proposed regulations that were effective on January 1, 2015.

The text of the regulations is available on the OPWDD website at www.opwdd.ny.gov. Look under "Regulations & Guidance."

For questions, please contact Joanne Howard by email at rate.setting@opwdd.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 402-4330.

Thank you.