

**CAPA REGULATORY AGENDA FY 2018
HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION**

Pursuant to section 1042 of the Charter, the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) sets forth below its regulatory agenda for the City's fiscal year of 2018:

1. **SUBJECT**: Streamlined Rental Assistance Program
 - A. **Reason**: HRA currently administers multiple City-funded rental assistance programs with different eligibility criteria and program requirements. In order to more effectively and efficiently administer the various City-funded rental assistance programs targeted to households in or at risk of entry to shelter, HRA will create a single streamlined program that will replace and build on the successes of the existing LINC, SEPS and CITYFEPS programs.
 - B. **Anticipated contents**:
 - Eligibility criteria for households in shelter and at risk of entry to shelter.
 - Calculation of maximum rent levels, rental assistance amounts and client contributions.
 - Renewal criteria.
 - Administrative review process.
 - Other program requirements.
 - C. **Objectives**: To increase the effectiveness of HRA's City-funded rental assistance programs.
 - D. **Legal basis**: Sections 34, 56, 61, 62, 77, and 131 of the New York Social Services Law.
 - E. **Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected**: Individuals, adult families and families with children in HRA, DHS or DYCD shelter and at risk of entry to DHS shelter.
 - F. **Other relevant laws**: None.
 - G. **Approximate schedule**: 1st Quarter FY18 (proposed rule) / 2nd Quarter FY18 (final rule).

2. **SUBJECT**: Employment Training Programs for Recipients of Public Assistance
- A. **Reason**: The current rule needs to be updated to reflect a change in State statute and to reflect current HRA policies and practices.
- B. **Anticipated contents**:
- Expand definition of “employment training programs” to include bachelor’s degree and other post-secondary four-year degree granting programs.
 - Change name of Office of Employment Services to HRA Career Services.
 - Update standards used by HRA to evaluate employment training programs.
- C. **Objectives**: To provide recipients of public assistance with greater access to training and education, and to ensure to the extent possible that training programs approved by HRA are consistent with HRA’s stated goals of building career pathways out of poverty.
- D. **Legal basis**: Section 2903 (a) of the New York City Charter.
- E. **Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected**: Recipients of Public Assistance who are required to participate in engagement activities.
- F. **Other relevant laws**: NY Social Services Law §336-a.
- G. **Approximate schedule**: 1st Quarter FY18 (proposed rule) / 2nd Quarter FY18 (final rule).

3. **SUBJECT**: Distribution of Food and Administrative Funds to Emergency Food Providers
- A. **Reason**: The current rule needs to be updated to reflect current HRA policies and practices.
- B. **Anticipated contents**:
- Expand definition of “food pantry” to include distribution of perishable food.
 - Update criteria used to determine eligibility of food providers to receive funds from the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
 - Change language to reflect that administrative funds for eligible food providers shall be determined once, not twice, a year.
- C. **Objectives**: To provide food insecure residents of New York City with greater access to healthy, nutritious food.
- D. **Legal basis**: Section 2903 (a) of the New York City Charter.
- E. **Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected**: Food insecure residents of New York City and emergency food providers such as food pantries and soup kitchens.
- F. **Other relevant laws**: None.
- G. **Approximate schedule**: 1st Quarter FY18 (proposed rule) / 2nd Quarter FY18 (final rule).

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