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		Subject: Toll-Free Number for Hearing Matters Related to the Flood of 2006

As you are aware, a number of counties in New York State have been declared disaster areas and currently have Disaster Assistance Service Centers (DASCs) operating due to the recent flooding. These counties are:

Delaware, Broome, Tioga, Otsego, Chenango, Montgomery, Herkimer, Sullivan

Others were declared but appear to have better conditions. These counties include:

Oneida, Schoharie, Rensselaer and Ulster

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) has established a toll-free number for appellants in the affected counties. Callers may use this number to access the OAH Communications Intake Unit for hearing matters related to the "Flood of 2006." This number is:

1-866-401-3214

Callers accessing this dedicated line will be afforded every consideration with respect to aid-continuing in view of likely delays or non-receipt of notice as well as scheduling priority, as warranted. Communications Intake Unit staff have been advised of the following:

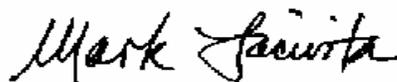
Scheduling:

Please consider giving priority to the scheduling of requests that come in from clients living in affected areas. Each case should be considered individually with attention given to the urgency of the situation. Some hearings should be added to existing calendars, or put in "N" (next) status for scheduling. Please review any questionable situations with a supervisor or liaison.

AC Determinations and Adjournment/Reopen Requests:

Please consider the circumstances of individuals from the aforementioned counties when determining aid status, especially related to non-receipt or late receipt of notices including LDSS Notices of Intent or OAH scheduling notices (457s).

If there are any questions with respect to this transmittal, you may contact your supervisor or Susan Fiehl at (518) 473-4779 or via email susan.fiehl@otda.state.ny.us.



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