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COLD WEATHER PROGRAM WARMLY RECEIVED

Home Energy Assistance Program Well Managed By A Diligent Department of Social Services

Kingston, NY (November 13, 2015) – The Office of the Ulster County Comptroller recently audited the 2014 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and Home Equipment Repair and Replacement program (HERR) and found that the County’s Department of Social Services (DSS) complied with their responsibilities as prescribed by New York State.

The audit of this \$7.4 million program which processed 19,000 claims did highlight some State guideline vulnerabilities and offered some recommendations to the local Department regarding record keeping, vendor billing and fraud investigations.

The audit concluded that the “DSS HEAP unit is in compliance with the guidelines set forth...” and includes a follow-up response by the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Social Services.

The report can be found on the Comptroller’s website at
<http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/sites/default/files/DSS%20HEAP%20Application%20Audit.pdf>

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