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East Hartford Social Services Announces **REVISED** Renters Rebate Sign-Ups for 2020

East Hartford, CT—As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, East Hartford Social Services has revised the Renters Rebate application process for this year. Effective immediately, applications will be completed over the phone. Applicants are requested to call Social Services at 860-291-7248 to schedule a telephone application time. At the designated time, a Social Services staff member will call back to complete this application over the phone. Once all information is entered into the system, the application will be mailed to you for signing, with return of all the necessary documentation listed below:

ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Eligibility requirements are:

- 65 years of age or older or 100% disabled, age 18 or older (by 12/31/19)
- 2019 **QUALIFYING** income (including all Social Security benefits) must not have exceeded **\$45,100 for a married couple** or **\$37,000 for a single individual**

Required Income Documentation (all for calendar year 2019):

- Social Security Income (form SSA 1099) & SSI if applicable
- Copy of 2019 Federal Income Tax Return & all schedules, if filed
- 1099 forms for pensions, dividends, interest, stocks & bonds, etc.
- W-2's from employment
- Veterans Disability or Railroad Retirement
- **100% Disabled:** Benefit Verification letter from Social Security **stating date disability began** & proof of SSI benefit, along with other forms listed above, if applicable

Required Expense Documentation:

- Rent receipts for 2019 (all 12 months)
- Utility bills you paid in 2019 (heat, gas, electric, only). **NO** telephone, cable or medical bills

Appointments may be scheduled by calling Social Services at 860-291-7248. The application period runs until October 1, 2020.

Please Note:

Rebate checks will not start being mailed out until the end of the application period. Anybody the applicant designates may file an application on their behalf.