

NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHT TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS

(This is not an application form.)

- ▶ You have the right to apply for benefits today.
- ▶ You must sign an official application form to start the application process.
- ▶ Unless you sign an official application and complete an eligibility interview, you cannot receive benefits.
- ▶ If possible, you should wait to talk with a caseworker before signing an application. The caseworker can give you more information about the programs for which you may be eligible.
- ▶ If you are unable to stay to see a caseworker today, tell the receptionist immediately. Explain that you must leave, but that you want to sign an application. An appointment will be arranged for you to complete the application. You will be told the appointment date and time and every effort will be made to accommodate your schedule. However, repeated failures to keep interview appointments may result in your application being denied.

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You have the right to appeal when:

- ▶ You are discouraged in any way from signing an application today.
- ▶ You are refused the right to sign an application.

To find out how to appeal, ask your caseworker or call the state toll-free number at 1-800-662-7030.

Explanation provided by:

Applicant/Representative Signature

Date _____

Date _____

DSS-8227/DSS-8227S, Immigrant Access Notice, given to the applicant/representative.