

Advantage Tenants: Your April Advantage Rent Will Be Paid

New York City sent notices to thousands of Advantage households saying it would no longer pay Advantage rent subsidies after March 31. Legal Aid sued the City to make the City keep its promise to pay the rent subsidies for at least one full year for each household.

On March 28, 2011, Legal Aid and Weil won a court order requiring the City to pay the Advantage rent due in April for Advantage tenants. This order covers only Advantage tenants who are still within their Advantage lease period. The judge will hold a hearing about future rent in late April.

Remember:

- The City has been ordered to pay your April Advantage rent amount.
- We don't yet know whether the City will be ordered to pay any further Advantage rent.
- Continue to pay your portion of your rent to your landlord on time.
- Continue to follow Advantage rules.
- Request a fair hearing if you have not already done so.
- Don't leave your apartment to reapply at Path just because you think your Advantage rent will not be paid!
- Your landlord cannot evict you without taking you to Housing Court.

To request a Fair Hearing:

- 1. Fax a copy of your notice to 518.473.6735 (keep your confirmation) or
- 2. Make an online request at www.otda.state.ny.us/oah/forms.asp or
- 3. <u>Go in person</u> to the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance at 14 Boerum Place, Ground Floor (corner of Livingston), Brooklyn, New York. (By Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Borough Hall; N, R to Court Street).

We will share more information as we get it.