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**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONIALS
MCH BLOCK GRANT AND WIC STATE PLAN
Friday, June 8, 2018**

Available for your review on the New Jersey Department of Health website is an electronic draft of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FFY 2019 State Strategic Plan (<http://nj.gov/health/fhs/wic/>). An electronic draft of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 will be posted soon at <http://nj.gov/health/fhs/maternalchild/>. Prior to each application being finalized, a public hearing will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Health and Agriculture Building, First Floor Auditorium, 369 South Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08611.

The hearing will focus on the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, as required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, PL 101-239, Section 501 (A) (1) F (iii) p24 and the FFY 2018 WIC State Plan. Interested parties may provide verbal or written testimonies at the public hearing. Verbal testimony shall not exceed 5 minutes in length and shall be accompanied by eight written copies of the testimony. Those interested in testifying should contact Ms. Josette Kamara at (609) 292-4043 by Thursday, May 31, 2018 to arrange a place on the testimony agenda.

Individuals who are not able to attend the hearing are encouraged to submit written comments by Friday, June 19, 2018 to Ms. Josette Kamara, New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, Office of Assistant Commissioner, P.O. Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364.

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If you would like additional information about the public hearing, or if you would like a hard copy of the Maternal and Child Health application, contact Ms. Josette Kamara at (609) 292-4043. Information about the WIC State Plan may be obtained from Ms. Carolyn Providence at (609) 292-9560. If there is a need for a sign language interpreter, contact Josette Kamara before May 24, 2018.