

**ONEIDA NATION
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE**

*Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
Only Written Comments Will Be Accepted Until:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021*



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ONEIDA GENERAL WELFARE LAW

Garnishment or Attachment of General Welfare Assistance

The purpose of the Oneida General Welfare law is to set forth a framework and provide guidelines for the Nation to establish and operate approved programs to provide assistance on a non-taxable basis to eligible members of the Nation which promote the general welfare of the Nation, including programs designed to enhance the promotion of health, education, self-sufficiency, self-determination, and the maintenance of culture and tradition, entrepreneurship, and employment.

Approved programs must be adopted by the Oneida Business Committee through either law or resolution of the Nation, and provide the specific eligibility rules and limitations applied to that program. Examples of approved programs adopted by the Nation include the Pandemic Relief Assistance Program, Oneida Higher Education Pandemic Relief Fund, and the Oneida Nation Assistance Fund. Any assistance received from an approved program under the Oneida General Welfare law is required to be used only for the purpose stated in the approved program description. Currently, the Oneida General Welfare law provides that assistance received by a person from an approved program is not subject to attachment or garnishment by creditors. Assistance received by a person from an approved program is not a per capita payment or income. Assistance provided for through approved programs is not attached or garnished for debt or child support owed due to the fact that any assistance provided through an approved program is provided on a needs based basis for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the individual and the Nation.

The Legislative Operating Committee is looking for input from the community as to the following question:

Should assistance provided by an approved program under the Oneida General Welfare law be subject to attachment or garnishment?

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY INPUT CLOSING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

The Legislative Operating Committee encourages individuals to participate in the legislative process by submitting written comments, questions, or other input via e-mail to LOC@oneidanation.org by the close of business on June 9, 2021. A copy of the Oneida General Welfare law can be found on the Oneida Code of Laws at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/laws/#TITLE-10-GENERAL-WELFARE-EXCLUSION>