

ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE

**Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
Only Written Comments Will Be Accepted Until:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021**



Send Public Comments to

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Ask Questions here

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ONEIDA GENERAL WELFARE LAW

The Oneida General Welfare law was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee on an emergency basis through resolution BC-08-12-20-D. Emergency amendments were then made to the Law by the Oneida Business Committee through the adoption of resolution BC-02-10-21-B, and subsequently extended through resolution BC-07-28-21-M. The emergency amendments to this Law will expire on February 10, 2022. The Legislative Operating Committee has now prepared the Oneida General Welfare law for permanent adoption,

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 in accordance with the principles of General Welfare Exclusion. Approved programs promote the general welfare of the Nation, and includes 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.

For more information on the permanent adoption of the Oneida General Welfare law please review the public comment packet at [oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public meetings](http://oneida-nsn.gov/government/register/public%20meetings).

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*In accordance with Oneida Business Committee resolution BC-08-03-21-A, *Setting Public Gathering Guidelines during Public Health State of Emergency—COVID-19*, indoor and outdoor gatherings are prohibited when the COVID-19 infection rates within Brown or Outagamie Counties exceed “Low” as identified by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Although an in-person public meeting will not be held for this item, a public comment period will still remain open in accordance with the Nation’s COVID-19 Team’s March 27, 2020, declaration titled “*Suspension of Public Meetings under the Legislative Procedures Act*” which provides that the Legislative Procedures Act’s requirement to hold a public meeting during the public comment period is suspended due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but individuals can still participate in the legislative process by submitting written comments, questions, or other input via e-mail to LOC@oneidanation.org.