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## City Launches “Access HRA” Desks at IDNYC Centers to Create Community Entry-point for Essential Benefits

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The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs announced today that IDNYC enrollment centers will serve as even more critical community hubs by hosting ACCESS HRA self-service desks onsite, connecting New Yorkers directly with information on, and applications for, essential benefits. Through this partnership, the City is making applying for and receiving benefits like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) even easier for New Yorkers to navigate. Three ACCESS HRA desks launch this week at IDNYC enrollment centers in Manhattan and Brooklyn, including one at IDNYC’s newest permanent enrollment center at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan in East Harlem.

**"IDNYC has allowed over 1 million New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, greater functionality in obtaining essential services. Now these services are being expanded even further with the addition of ACCESS HRA self-service desks which will connect New Yorkers to essential benefits like Medicaid and SNAP. I am proud to see the municipal ID become such a success and that New York City continues to lead the way and providing a successful blueprint for the rest of the country to follow."**