

LIHEAP State Plan Public Hearing Minutes

August 11, 2023 10am

State Staff In attendance:

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Review of FFY 24 LIHEAP State Plan:

- Section 1 Program Components:
 - Winter EA program will run from October 1st to May 31st.
 - State of Missouri will no longer have a designated cooling program. However participants can still select to have Electricity paid with EA regardless is cooling charges.
 - ECIP will still run from November 1st to September 30th
 - Cooling EA funding has been changes to 0% while Winter EA has increased to 50% of the budget. All other allocations have not changed.
 - Eligibility determination has not changed.
 - State of Missouri is maintaining the eligibility standard of 60% State Median Income (SMI)
- Section 2 Hearing Assistance:
 - EA payments will be reduced by 50%
 - Elderly & Disabled clients will still be able to apply for EA starting October 1st
- Section 3 Cooling Assistance:
 - State of Missouri will no longer have a cooling assistance program.
- Section 4 Crisis Assistance:
 - Crisis benefits have been reduced by 50% Winter \$800 Summer \$600
 - Disconnect notice is require
 - Emergency Repair and Replacement: No changes even with no designated cooling program, cooling repairs and replacements are allowed.
- Section 5 Weatherization Assistance:
 - No change
- Section 6 Outreach
 - No change
- Section 7 Coordination:
 - No change
- Section 8 Agency Designation:
 - No change
- Section 9 Energy Suppliers:
 - Heating program no designated cooling program
- Section 10 Program, Fiscal Monitoring and Audit
 - No change
- Section 11 Timely and Meaningful Public Participation
 - No change
- Section 12 Fair Hearings:
 - No change
- Section 13 Reduction of home energy needs:

- No change Missouri does not participate
- Section 14 Leveraging Incentive Program:
 - No change Missouri does not participate
- Section 15 Training:
 - No change
 - Designated training team posting self-paced training videos
- Section 16 Performance Goals and Measures
 - No changes
- Section 17 Program Integrity:
 - No changes
- Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
 - No changes
- Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
 - No changes
- Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying
 - No changes

Review of Comments received during the public comment period:

- Needing a disconnect notice: E& D may not apply due to not wanting to wait for disconnect notice:
 - State response: State no longer has the funding to allow for Self-attestation State of Missouri is taking steps to ensure the public is aware of the program changes with mail outs, flyers, text blasts, etc.
- Maintain ECIP benefit payment amounts:
 - State response: State no longer has the funding to allow for the additional ECIP benefit amounts.
- Chat comments will be responded individually along with the public comments.

Questions or concern can drop in chat for the next 15 mins or email the FSD.LIHEAP@dss.mo.gov with individual questions and the State will address all questions individually.