

LIHEAP Heating/Cooling Benefit Matrix FFY2024

Payment guidelines are based upon the household's income and energy needs. Households with the lowest income and highest energy needs are eligible for higher benefits.

1. Income Eligibility:

Based on 60 percent of State Median Income or 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, whichever is higher for a given household. Income to household size ratio is determined by the variance of the poverty scale

| <u>Percent of Poverty</u> | <u>Points Applied</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0% - 25% | 5 points |
| 26% - 50% | 4 points |
| 51% - 75% | 3 points |
| 76% - 100 % | 2 points |

2. Energy Burden:

Monthly Utility Cost Divided by Monthly Gross Income = % of Energy Burden

| <u>Energy Burden Percentage</u> | <u>Points Applied</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5% or less | 0 points |
| 5% - 10% | 3 points |
| 10% - 15% | 4 points |
| 15% - 20% | 5 points |
| 20% or Over | 6 points |

***NOTE: Add 2 points for deliverable/portal fuel usage**

3. Energy Need:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Elderly | 1 point |
| Disabled | 1 point |
| Child age 6 or younger | 1 point |
| Veteran | 1 point |

***NOTE: Only one point per category allowed**

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Benefit Determination:

| <u>Total Points Applied</u> | <u>Eligible Payment Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 - 4 | \$480 |
| 5 - 6 | \$640 |
| 7 - 8 | \$800 |
| 9 or Over | \$1200 |