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The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) concurs with using the following
percents to calculate the regular Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
allotments/allocations of the following five tribes in fiscal years when these tribes receive direct
LIHEAP grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, beginning with
federal fiscal year 2006, (October 1st, 2005). Each tribe's percent is calculated using the
LIHEAP-eligible household number for that tribe, for the tribe's Oklahoma Tribal Statistical
Area (OTSA) or reservation, and the LIHEAP-eligible household number for the state, from a
special tabulation of Census 2000 data prepared by the Bureau of the Census. OKDHS requests
that these percents/numbers remain in effect until further notice.

Chickasaw Nation (OTSA) –
Tribes percent of state's gross LIHEAP allocation: .487272%
Factor by which state's gross LIHEAP allocation is multiplied: .00487272

Choctaw Nation (OTSA) –
Tribes percent of state's gross LIHEAP allocation: 1.368002%
Factor by which state's gross LIHEAP allocation is multiplied: .01368002

Comanche Nation (OTSA and OTSA Joint Use Area) –
Tribes percent of state's gross LIHEAP allocation: .218432%
Factor by which state's gross LIHEAP allocation is multiplied: .00218432

Osage Tribe (reservation) –
Tribes percent of state's gross LIHEAP allocation: .345851%
Factor by which state's gross LIHEAP allocation is multiplied: .00345851

Sac and Fox Nation (OTSA) –
Tribes percent of state's gross LIHEAP allocation: .064410%
Factor by which state's gross LIHEAP allocation is multiplied: .00064410

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) requests that beginning in FFY 2006 and until further notice, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) calculate regular Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allotments/allocations for Indian tribes in Oklahoma that receive direct LIHEAP grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by using the largest of the following numbers for each tribe:

- The Census 2000 LIHEAP-eligible household number for the tribe, for the tribe's Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area (OTSA) or reservation, divided by the Census 2000 LIHEAP-eligible household number for the State of Oklahoma.
- The 1990 Census LIHEAP-eligible household number for the tribe, for the tribe's Tribal Jurisdiction Statistical Area (TJSA), divided by the 1990 Census LIHEAP-eligible household number for the State of Oklahoma.
- The 1990 Census LIHEAP-eligible household number for the tribe, for the tribe's service area or reservation as designated by the Bureau of Indian Affair (BIA) for the Bureau of the Census, divided by the 1990 Census LIHEAP-eligible household number for the State of Oklahoma.

Regular tribal LIHEAP allotments that are under $4,000 when calculated in this way should be increased to $4,000.

The eligible household number for the Osage Tribe should be for eligible American Indian households living on the tribe's reservation. The eligible household numbers for the other tribes should be for eligible households for that tribe only, within the tribe's specified service or statistical area.

If there is no state-tribe agreement or useable decennial census special tabulation eligible household number for a tribe, the tribe's LIHEAP allotment/allocation should be calculated based on a documented LIHEAP-eligible household number submitted by the tribe and reviewed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Oklahoma, divided by the appropriate decennial census LIHEAP-eligible household number for the state.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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