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TO: Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers and Weatherization Coordinators

FROM: Chris Shoopman, Weatherization Program Manager

RE: LIHEAP Weatherization

DATE: October 22, 2012

Greetings,

In response to input received from our partners in the weatherization network, OHCS is revising the LIHEAP weatherization rules to ensure funds are utilized effectively to enhance the program and ensure maximum service is provided to eligible households. Effective immediately; the following will now be allowed with LIHEAP weatherization funds:

- Measure buy down: With the separation of ECHO funds from USDOE regulations, it is now allowable to "buy down" the cost of ECHO measures utilizing LIHEAP funds as long as the project is funded using ECHO and LIHEAP funds only. If the project includes any portion of DOE funds or funds that follow DOE, then "buy down" with LIHEAP is not allowed. REM /Design modeling must include the cost effective ECHO portion of the measure and the funding summary sheet must indicate the cost effective portion of the measure as well as the amount of the "buy down" using LIHEAP funds.
- Baseload/Client education only projects: When completing client education and/or baseload only projects and LIHEAP and ECHO are the only funding sources utilized for completion of the project, ASHRAE 62.2-2010 compliance is not required. If the home has existing mechanical ventilation OR the tested blower door number is above the minimum ventilation level for the structure, then the requirements of ASHRAE 62.2-2010 compliance is not required.
 If any DOE funds (or funds that follow DOE) are used on the baseload/client education only project, ASHRAE 62.2-2010 compliance is required.

The minimum ventilation level is the <u>largest</u> of the following three calculations:

60

B) [(15 x # of bedrooms) + 15] x H x C

C) (15 x # Occupants) x H x C

V= Heated volume of the residence.

H = # of stories: 1 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 H factor 1 .9 .8 .75 .7

C = 23

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0972.

Best Regards,

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