



Energy Assistance program changes to help more Missourians pay energy bills

LIHEAP extends one-time primary heating bill payments

The Department of Social Services, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Energy Assistance (EA) Program is extending one-time primary heating bill payments through May 31, 2021.

In addition, eligibility for both heating and cooling programs are expanding from Missouri households with incomes up to 135 of the Federal Poverty Level to include households with an income of up to 60 percent of State Media Income (SMI).

What does this mean?

This means a family of four with an annual income of up to \$51,021 will now receive benefits (see chart).

NOTE: To determine eligibility for households over six people, add an additional \$128 per person per month or \$1,536 per year.

In addition to meeting income criteria, households must also meet the following criteria to qualify for LIHEAP:

- Be responsible for paying home heating costs
- Have \$3,000 or less in bank accounts, retirement accounts, or investments
- All household members must be a U.S. citizen or legally admitted for permanent residence

You can submit a [LIHEAP application form](#) online, by mail or fax, or drop off a paper application form in person.

| 60 percent of State Median Income (SMI) | | |
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| # of persons | Monthly Income | Yearly Income |
| 1 | \$ 2,211 | \$ 26,531 |
| 2 | \$ 2,891 | \$ 34,694 |
| 3 | \$ 3,571 | \$ 42,858 |
| 4 | \$ 4,252 | \$ 51,021 |
| 5 | \$ 4,932 | \$ 59,184 |
| 6 | \$ 5,612 | \$ 67,348 |



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