

## **Policy Clarifications - LIHEAP- All PLA-16508-650**

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**Subject: Roomer/Boarder Payments to Someone Living in the LIHEAP Household**

Two people are living together. One person is paying room rent to the other person but they are applying for LIHEAP together. Do we count the roomer payments that are being paid to the person in the same LIHEAP household or would it be excluded?

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All income received is counted in determining LIHEAP eligibility. The roomer/boarder payments to the homeowner would be counted even if it is coming from someone else in the LIHEAP household.

Income from providing room or board, or both includes ALL payments paid directly to the LIHEAP household member providing room rent, meals and utilities in the household member's permanent home is considered countable earned income. Refer to LIHEAP handbook 650.212, *Income from roomers, boarders or persons renting an apartment in the applicant's resident property*, and 55 Pa. Code § 601.82(3) and 183.65(2).

See LIHEAP Handbook 650.212 for a detailed description of roomer/boarder income used in determining LIHEAP eligibility.

Example: John Doe receives \$1000/month in RSDI and rents a room from Jim Smith for \$200 per month. Jim Smith receives \$800 per month in RSDI. The total \$1800 in RSDI payments received by both John and Jim would be counted. Per LIHEAP policy, 50% of the roomer income received by Jim Smith counts as earned income as well. In this situation, the total household monthly income counted for LIHEAP would be \$1900.