

DATE: August 14, 2018

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM #18-08-03

SUBJECT: 2017-18 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Supplemental Payments

TO: Executive Directors
LIHEAP Coordinators

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PURPOSE

To inform County Assistance Offices (CAOs) of \$75 supplemental payments that will be issued to all LIHEAP households containing a vulnerable household member.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Department of Human Services will be issuing a \$75 supplemental payment to all vulnerable households that received a LIHEAP Cash grant during the 2017-2018 heating season.

One \$75 supplemental payment will be issued to each vulnerable household regardless of the number of vulnerable members included.

Payments will be issued on August 17, 2018, with a Treasury pay date of August 29, 2018. Payments will automatically be sent as an extraordinary pay to the same vendor who received the Cash grant. The \$75 supplemental payment will appear separately on the Remittance Advice and will be labeled as "2017-18 Sup".

PROCEDURE

Staff should be instructed that supplemental payments can only be reissued in limited situations, these are listed below.

Supplemental Reissue Reasons:

1. The customer moved and has a new vendor.
2. The customer's vendor no longer services the customer's area.
3. The customer switched vendors (same fuel type) and has a zero balance with the original vendor.
4. The customer converted to a new heating source (example: oil furnace to a gas furnace).

Proof of the new heating responsibility is required in order to have the supplement reissued.

CAOs should send any questions or problems regarding supplemental payments to the LIHEAP Vendor mailbox at RA-LIHEAPVendors@state.pa.us.

Reissue and second Pay requests should be directed to the LIHEAP Reissue/Second Pay mailbox at RA-LIHEAPReissueSec@state.pa.us.

NEXT STEPS

1. Share this information with appropriate members of your staff.
2. Direct any questions to your area manager.