PROPOSED REGULATIONS

**LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)**

**SFY 2020 STATE PLAN-AMENDMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION

April 21, 2020

**NEED AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT:**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides federal block grant funds to states that administer a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The proposed amendment will allow the Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to approve a supplemental payment to eligible households during the program year.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Energy Assistance Program is solely funded by the federal LIHEAP block grant and the Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation.

The Weatherization Assistance Program is primarily funded by the Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation.

**IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

There is no financial impact upon local government.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR FY 2020 LIHEAP STATE PLAN:**

The LIHEAP State Plan draft with the proposed updates will be available for review on the Division’s website at [http://dwss.nv.gov](http://dwss.nv.gov/) no later than five days before the Public Hearing. The following is a summary of the proposed updates:

* *Under Section 2.6 add* -- During the SFY, if it is determined additional funds will be available, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator has the authority to approve a supplemental payment for all or some of the eligible households.

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**NEVADA FUND FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND CONSERVATION**

**SFY 2020 STATE PLAN**-**AMENDMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION

April 21, 2020

**NEED AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSED STATE PLAN:**

Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 702, requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Department of Business and Industry, Housing Division, to adopt regulations for the administration of Energy Assistance and Weatherization services to low-income Nevadans. See below for the proposed amendment to the State Plan for SFY 2020.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 702, established a Universal Energy Charge (UEC), which utilities collect from retail customers of electricity and natural gas. These funds are collected by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) and deposited in the Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation. Up to 3% of UEC monies collected may be retained by the PUCN for administration costs; the remainder is distributed to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (75%) and the Housing Division (25%).

**IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

There is no financial impact upon local government.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR SFY 2020 STATE PLAN:**

A Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation State Plan draft with the proposed updates will be available for review on the Division’s website at <http://dwss.nv.gov> no later than five days before the Public Hearing. The following is a summary of the proposed updates:

* *Under Section 2 Other Definitions, add --* 2.40***“***Supplemental payment” means during the SFY, if it is determined additional funds will be available, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator has the authority to approve a supplemental payment for all or some of the eligible households.
* *Under Section 10 Program Benefits, add --* 10.1.2.1During the SFY, if it is determined additional funds will be available, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator has the authority to approve a supplemental payment for all or some of the eligible households.