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Poverty Level Determination

The Poverty Points are determined by comparing the household's income level and size to the Poverty Guidelines. Points range from 1-5 based on where the household falls on the following chart.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	<50%		<75%		<100%		<125%		<150%	
	Mo.	Yr.	Mo.	Yr.	Mo.	Yr.	Mo.	Yr.	Mo.	Yr.
1	433	5,200	650	7,800	867	10,400	1,083	13,000	1,300	15,600
2	583	7,000	875	10,500	1,167	14,000	1,458	17,500	1,750	21,000
3	733	8,800	1,100	13,200	1,467	17,600	1,833	22,000	2,200	26,400
4	883	10,600	1,325	15,900	1,767	21,200	2,208	26,500	2,650	31,800
5	1,033	12,400	1,550	18,600	2,067	24,800	2,583	31,000	3,100	37,200
6	1,183	14,200	1,775	21,300	2,367	28,400	2,958	35,500	3,550	42,600
7	1,333	16,000	2,000	24,000	2,667	32,000	3,333	40,000	4,000	48,000
8	1,483	17,800	2,225	26,700	2,967	35,600	3,708	44,500	4,450	53,400
Add Member		1,800		2,700		3,600		4,500		5,400
POINTS:	5		4		3		2		1	

CATEGORY	FACTORS	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
Poverty Points	From Chart Above	1 – 5 points	

- Compute the household's gross annual income.
- Locate the point on the chart where the income and household size falls and circle the amount and the number of points to be awarded.
- Enter the number of points on the matrix under Poverty Points.
- Note, one (1) point is awarded at the 125% to 150% of poverty level

Poverty Guidelines change in February of each year. However, the new income guidelines will become effective in the EAP program on June 1st of each year. This will keep the guidelines the same for the entire heating program. New guidelines are implemented with new applications for the Summer Cooling Assistance Program and Summer Fill Program each year.

201.3 Income Status

The household is awarded points based on the type of income for that household, earned or unearned income. (See Section 401 for an explanation of the earned and unearned income.)

CATEGORY	FACTORS	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
Income Status	Earned Income	3	
	Unearned Income	1	
	Zero Income	0	

- If any member of a household has earned income, award three (3) points;
- For a household with unearned income only, award one (1) point;
- If a household reports "zero" income, no points are given in this category;
- Maximum points are three.

201.4 Dwelling

Dwelling points are awarded based on the relative cost of heating three types of dwellings.

CATEGORY	FACTORS	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
Dwelling	Mobile Home	2	
	Single, Site Built	2	
	Duplex or Greater	1	

- Award two (2) points if the household lives in a mobile home;
- Award two (2) points if the household lives in a single, site built dwelling;
- Award one (1) point for households living in a duplex or multiplex (apartments);
- Maximum points are two.

201.5 Housing Status

Housing Status points are awarded to factor in whether the household is responsible for all of its utility costs or receives assistance in meeting those costs.

CATEGORY	FACTORS	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
Housing Status	Non-subsidized Housing	2	
	Subsidized/ Not Included	0	
	Subsidized / Included	0	

- Award two (2) points if the household pays its own heat utility costs (included or not).
- Award zero (0) points if the household pays its own heat utility cost but that cost is subsidized.
- Award zero (0) points if the household’s utility cost is included in their rent and is subsidized.
- Maximum points are two.

201.6 At-Risk

The At-Risk households for the Energy Assistance Program include the elderly (60+), the disabled, and those households with children 0 to 5 years old. (See Section 302.6)

CATEGORY	FACTORS	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
At-Risk	Elderly, disabled, and/or children 0-5 years old	3	

- Award three (3) points only if the household has a member who fits one of the At-Risk factor definitions.
- Maximum points are three.

201.7 Fuel Source

Points are awarded for the primary Fuel Source based on the relative costs of heating with the various types of fuel.

CATEGORY	FACTORS	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
Fuel Source	Bulk Fuels (Kerosene, LP Gas, Oil, Wood, Coal)	3	
	Electric	3	
	Natural Gas	3	
	Heating Included	0	

- Award three (3) points if the household uses one of the listed bulk fuel sources.
- Award three (3) points if the household uses electric heat.
- Award three (3) points if the household heats with natural gas.
- Note, award zero (0) points now if the household uses any one of the heat sources but has heat included as a part of their rent.
- Maximum points are three.

201.8 Total Points

Total points are used to determine the amount of the EAP benefits.

Notes & Comments: <i>If household received 2008 Summer Fill regular benefit, ineligible for additional winter <u>regular</u> benefit. Electric and crisis eligible only.</i> <i>If subsidized, heat and electric included in rent, benefit is \$0.</i>	= Total Points	
	X \$15 per point	
	+ Electric	\$50
	+ Regional Differential (\$5 Central, \$15 North)	
	+ Crisis EAP	
Intake Worker:	Date:	= TOTAL EAP BENEFIT

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Total Points, *continued*

- Add all of the points in each category for the Total Points.
- Multiply that amount by \$15 per point and enter the subtotal.
- Add the \$50 for the Electric utility, which is already on the form.
- Enter the correct Regional Differential of \$5 for the Central region or \$15 for the Northern region. (See Appendix L in back for Regional Map.)
- Enter the amount of any Crisis benefit, which the household is getting. (See Section 202 for Crisis benefit rules.)
- Add the amount of the points benefit, the electric benefit, the regional differential and the Crisis EAP to determine the **Total EAP Benefit**.
- If a household's subsidized rent payment includes the cost of both the heat and electric utility adjust the household's EAP benefit to \$0.

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Subsidized Households/Heat Included

If a household's subsidized rent payment includes the cost of the heat and electric utility, the household's EAP benefit is now \$0. If the heat and/or electric are paid separate, by the client, the benefit should go directly to the utility. No crisis dollars should be awarded.