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DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**AGENDA**

**Date of Publication:** May 28, 2021  
**Date and Time of Meeting:** June 30, 2021 9:00 am - Adjournment  
**Name of Organization:** Division of Welfare and Supportive Services  
**Place of Meeting:**

- 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706; Room 149
- 701 N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89106; Great Room

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# AGENDA

1. **Introduction:** Robert Thompson, Deputy Administrator
2. **General Public Comments** (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker or organization may be limited to three minutes and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.) *No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.*
3. **For possible action:** Discussion and possible adoption of the FY 2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Plan – Maria Wortman-Meshberger and Patrick Conway

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 benefit program year begins July 1, 2021. An FFY 2022 state plan is necessary to delineate the program benefits, eligibility criteria, available emergency/crisis assistance, and other policy in the Energy Assistance Program (EAP), administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), administered by the Housing Division. States must submit a State Plan to DHHS annually, which serves as an application for funds.

- A. The LIHEAP State Plan draft with the proposed changes 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 changes:
  - The program year and other relevant dates will be updated throughout the document.
  - Minor text changes intended to clarify existing policy have been incorporated throughout the document.
  - Under Section 2.3 and 4.7- ‘Do you give priority in eligibility to’: changed from “2 to 5 months” to “6 months” and removed “that equals at least 15 percent of the gross household income”. The proposed verbiage is:
    - Fast-Track Component provides expedited application processing for eligible households whose energy source is in danger of being interrupted. Specific eligibility criteria must be met to qualify. In addition to other qualifying criteria, the household must have experienced an unexpected loss or reduction of income during the last 6 months.
  - Under Section 5.5- ‘What rules do you administer LIHEAP Weatherization?’ in addition to Income Threshold and Other, also checked:
    - X Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide cost per dwelling unit.
    - X Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ration (SIR) standards.

- *Under Other added:*

The DOE average cost per unit is not applicable because most projects require additional weatherization measures exceeding this limit. A figure \$8,000 will be used. The FEAC eligibility list is used instead of an SIR for weatherization measures.

- Under Section 5.11- *'What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide?'* Under *Other-Describe* added:

Storm Doors

B. Public comment on proposed changes

C. Adoption of proposed changes

**Entities Financially Affected:**

- 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.

**Anticipated financial impact on local government:**

- There is no financial impact upon local government

**Effective date:** July 1, 2021

4. **For possible action:** Discussion and possible adoption of the FY 2022 Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation State Plan— Maria Wortman-Meshberger and Patrick Conway

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Department of Business and Industry, Housing Division are required under Nevada Revised Statute 702.280 to jointly establish an annual plan.

- A. A Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation State Plan draft with the proposed changes 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 changes:
- The program year and other relevant dates will be updated throughout the document.
  - Minor text changes intended to clarify existing policy have been incorporated throughout the document.
  - *Under Section 11 Provision of Emergency Assistance, change/remove—11.1.1 Fast-Track Component* proposed verbiage:
    - 3. The household must have experienced an unexpected loss or reduction of income during the last 6 months.

- 4. Households are ineligible for Fast-Track assistance if they 1) received Fast-Track assistance in the previous EAP program year, or 2) received arrearage assistance in the last five years, unless there are extenuating circumstances, e.g., terminal illness, car accident, etc.
- *Under Section 10 Program Benefits*
  - 10.2.6 -- Increase the average per household expenditure from \$7, 669 to \$8,000.
  - 10.2.15-- Service Area 1 (North Las Vegas and Northern Rural Clark County) - Nevada Rural Housing Authority-Las Vegas, Service Area 5 (Western Rural Counties) – Nevada Rural Housing Authority-Carson City

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**Entities Financially Affected:**

- 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%).

The PUC estimates \$13.7 million in UEC revenues for SFY 2022.

**Anticipated financial impact on local government:**

- There is no financial impact upon local government

**Effective date:** July 1, 2021

**5. Adjournment**

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**Mailing Date:**

**May 28, 2021**

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○ Henderson District Public Library	280 South Green Valley Pkwy	Henderson
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