

CHAPTER 63 WEATHERIZATION

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441—63.1(216A,PL94-385,PL98-558) Eligible households.

63.1(1) A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit (such as a house or apartment) as their usual place of residence. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated people sharing a housing unit, such as partners or roomers, is also counted as a household. A household occupying a dwelling unit is eligible for assistance under the weatherization assistance program if the household:

a. Has an annual income no higher than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

b. Is receiving supplemental security income (SSI) or family investment program (FIP) assistance, regardless of income.

63.1(2) Household eligibility, including income verification, will be determined in accordance with the application requirements for the low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP), the application for which is considered a joint application. Household eligibility and prioritization for weatherization services are established annually.

63.1(3) Both owner-occupied and renter-occupied dwellings may be weatherized. However, rental units occupied by low-income residents shall be weatherized, providing benefits accrue primarily to the low-income tenants, rents are not raised because of the weatherization, and no undue or excessive enhancement occurs to the value of the dwelling unit. Landlords of rental dwellings must agree to have their dwellings weatherized before assistance is provided.

63.1(4) Provision of all weatherization program services are contingent upon the availability of funds.
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441—63.2(216A,PL94-385,PL98-558) Local administering agencies (LAAs).

63.2(1) The department will administer the program by utilizing community action agencies (CAAs) or their approved subcontractors or other public or nonprofit entities that have shown the ability or have the capacity to undertake a timely and effective weatherization program. Program funds shall be used for the purchase and installation of weatherization materials, training and technical assistance, administration, and supportive services.

63.2(2) LAAs will be required to sign a contractual agreement that specifies required and allowable program activities, including U.S. Department of Energy regulations, special conditions, participant forms, program and fiscal reporting, and audit requirements.

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441—63.3(216A,PL94-385,PL98-558) Application period. Households may apply for weatherization assistance between October 1, or the first working day of October, and September 30, or the last working day of September, as defined in the annual Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan as amended to August 1, 2026.

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441—63.4(216A,PL94-385,PL98-558) Payments.

63.4(1) *Duplicate and fraudulent payment control.* Each LAA is required to provide a system to monitor and prevent possible duplicate and other fraudulent applications and payments. Duplication cross-checks shall be based on the unique client or vendor identifier.

63.4(2) *Referrals.* Each LAA is required to refer all suspected cases of fraud, including duplicate payments, overpayments, and fraudulent statements on applications, to the department for investigation.

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441—63.5(216A,PL94-385,PL98-558) Grievances and appeals.

63.5(1) Each LAA shall have grievance policies and procedures approved by the department for nonappealable items, including quality or extent of work performed.

63.5(2) Items that are appealable to the department pursuant to 441—Chapter 2506 are:

- a.* Services that have been denied for eligibility.
- b.* Weatherization work that is delayed or postponed for extenuating circumstances. The LAA must document the reasons for the delay of services and inform the client and the department.
- c.* Quality or completeness of work, if the LAA has exhausted its grievance process.
- d.* LAA contractors and subcontractors that have exhausted the grievance process.

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441—63.6(216A,PL94-385,PL98-558) Further criteria. The Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan as amended to August 1, 2026, and Weatherization Assistance Program Policy and Procedures Manual as amended to August 1, 2026, are incorporated by reference as part of these rules. If any rule in this chapter conflicts with federal law or rule, the federal law or rule shall prevail.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 216A.99, PL 94-385 and PL 98-558.

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