

**427—10.1(216A,PL97-35,PL98-558) Purpose.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA), as set forth in Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, PL 97-35 as amended by PL 98-558, and Iowa Code section 216A.92, the department of human rights, division of community action agencies (DHR, CAA), will administer the low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is designed to aid qualifying low-income Iowa households (homeowners and renters) in the payment of a portion of their residential heating costs for the winter heating season, to encourage regular utility payments, to promote energy awareness and to encourage reduction of energy usage through energy efficiency, client education, and weatherization.