

**427—10.6(216A,PL97-35,PL98-558) Determining eligibility.** The gross income of all household members residing in the household at the time of application shall be counted to determine eligibility. Any individual listed on an LIHEAP-approved application for the current fiscal year may not be listed on another application. Written verification of income is required of all participants before an application is complete. This verification may take the form of pay receipts, payroll checks, or a statement signed by the employer if the salary is paid in cash. Other evidence, such as copies of unemployment checks or Medicaid cards, may also be accepted. If an applicant refuses to produce proof of income and does not authorize the agency to verify earnings, the applicant shall not be eligible for program benefits. Written verification shall be provided before eligibility may be certified. An applicant may elect to use the most recent 90 days, the last 12 months, or the most recent calendar year to qualify. If an applicant is not eligible under the time period first selected, an alternative time period may be selected to qualify.