

**427—11.8(216A) Participation requirements.** A participant in the affordable heating program who maintains the monthly allowable heating expense payment shall continue to receive service from the participant's primary heating fuel provider until all affordable heating funds are exhausted. A participant who fails to make a monthly payment to all energy suppliers is subject to removal from the affordable heating program. For regulated utilities, notice of removal shall be in accordance with utility board 199—subrules 19.4(15) to 199—20.4(15) on notice of disconnection for nonpayment of utility bills. In the case of deliverable fuels, notice will be per the vendor agreement. Once removed, a participant is not eligible to be restored to participation until the next anniversary for a new even payment billing cycle to begin and all customer account balances have been paid. The local administering agency will provide notification to the primary and, where applicable, secondary energy provider once a participant is removed from the program.