

441—59.5(216A,PL97-35,PL98-558) Payments.

59.5(1) *Types of payments.* The following types of energy assistance payments may be made:

a. Payments may be made to suppliers on behalf of eligible households. The client's assistance shall remain as a credit on the client account until the program assistance is expended or the account is terminated.

b. Eligible households that pay an undesignated portion of the rent toward energy costs will receive assistance sent directly to the secondary vendor.

c. Direct payments may be made to eligible households as outlined in the manual.

59.5(2) *Duplicate and fraudulent payment control.* Each LAA is required to monitor, refer to the department, and prevent possible duplicate and other fraudulent applications and payments pursuant to the federal Office of Management and Budget guidance on the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PL 116-117) as amended to August 1, 2026, and the manual.

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