

421—22.5(216A,PL97-35,PL98-558) Payments.

22.5(1) *Types of payments.* The following types of energy assistance payments may be made:

- a.* 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 Iowa LIHEAP Policy and Procedures Manual.

22.5(2) *Duplicate and fraudulent payment control.* Each LAA is required to monitor and prevent possible duplicate and other fraudulent applications and payments. Duplication cross-checks shall be based on household members' names, addresses, and social security numbers, as well as vendor account numbers.

22.5(3) *Referrals.* Each LAA is required to refer all suspected cases of fraud, including duplicate payments, overpayments, and fraudulent statements on applications, to the division for investigation.

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