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IOWA WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 12-02

TO: Executive Directors and Weatherization Coordinators
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DATE: October 1, 2012
RE: Program Year 2012 Changes

Purpose

Changes in the NEAT/MHEA Audit, Iowa Weatherization Standards and General Appendix for Program Year 2012 will be effective on houses evaluated beginning October 1, 2012.

The revised Weatherization Standards are available on the members-only website and will be printed soon.

NEAT/MHEA Audit

Version 8.9 of the NEAT/MHEA Audit must be used on all houses/mobile homes evaluated. State staff are currently working at each agency to ensure the correct audit, costs, fuel costs, etc. are installed. Once the audit is loaded at an agency, they are to begin using it immediately.

Attic insulation up to R-49 is now allowed if called for by the NEAT Audit. If agencies install more insulation than required by NEAT/MHEA, the additional insulation will be a disallowed cost and will be reimbursed to the state by the agency.

Effective with houses/mobile homes evaluated October 1, 2012, all individual energy efficiency measures must have a SIR of 1.0 or greater and the cumulative SIR must be 1.0 or greater. The individual measure requirement does not include repairs or health and safety measures as they are not considered energy efficiency measures.

Fuel Costs:

New fuel costs will be loaded into the new version of the NEAT/MHEA by the state staff as they are at each agency. Those costs are:

Electric	.105
Nat'l Gas	9.30
Propane	1.86
Oil	3.49

General Appendix

Cost Limits

Refrigerator Replacement - must be charged to either a secondary utility contract or HEAP

Compact Fluorescent Lights - must be charged to either a secondary utility contract or HEAP

Work Standards

The following changes have been made to the Work Standards. The changes in each section are underlined.

2010 HEALTH & SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Agencies must use the Release of Liability Form – Release of Liability and Waiver of Claims, the Health and Safety Assessment Findings Forms, Part 1 & 2, and the Health and Safety Test Checklist as part of the health and safety assessment.

2151 Friable Asbestos

Weatherization measures will not be installed if they will disturb suspected friable asbestos. Clients will be provided with the Asbestos in Homes handout anytime materials with presumed asbestos are present in the house. The handout can be found on the Members Only page of www.weatherization.iowa.gov. Minor asbestos removal, such as asbestos tape on furnace ductwork and on boiler pipes, is allowable under the General Health and Safety Repair limits described in the *Iowa Weatherization General Appendix*. Minor asbestos removal is the minimum amount necessary in order to perform weatherization work.

8022.03 Water Heater Installation

When a new water heater is installed it must be a mobile home water heater. (See Figure 7) If there is an interior access to the water heater, new units must be sealed combustion or electric. Replacement electric water heaters must be manufactured for mobile homes. Existing electric water heaters, unless unsafe, should not be replaced.