

(III) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE INCOME AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS; AND

(IV) IDENTIFY LOCAL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES TO ADMINISTER THE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

(2) (I) THE OFFICE SHALL MAKE PAYMENTS TO FUEL VENDORS AND UTILITY VENDORS THAT HAVE PROVIDED SERVICE TO PERSONS QUALIFYING FOR THE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

(II) THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE BASED ON NEED.

(B) FUEL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(1) THE OFFICE SHALL CARRY OUT ONE OR MORE FUEL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS TO DEFRAY FUEL AND UTILITY COSTS.

(2) THE OFFICE SHALL DETERMINE PROGRAM AND INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES.

(3) THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE BASED ON NEED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 6-406.

In subsections (a)(1)(i) and (b)(1) of this section, the references to "carry[ing] out" programs are substituted for the former references to "develop[ing] and implement[ing]" programs for brevity.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that "energy emergency" is defined to mean a "lack of fuel or the imminent discontinuation of energy services ... that will endanger health, safety or welfare"; however, subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section refers to a crisis intervention program to prevent "danger to health or survival" as a result of an energy emergency. The General Assembly may wish to amend subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section to be consistent with the definition of "energy emergency".

Defined terms: "Energy emergency" § 6-301

"Fuel vendor" § 6-301

"Office" § 6-301

"Person" § 1-101

"Utility vendor" § 6-301

6-308. SHORT TITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT".

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 6-401.

The former phrase "shall be known" is deleted as surplusage.