

Energy Assistance

Energy assistance programs are available in Mississippi. Most are overseen by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Community Services and are administered by Community Action Agencies or CAAs in local communities. Energy assistance programs available from CAAS include:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP provides financial assistance to eligible households to help with:

- Home energy bills
- Energy crisis
- Weatherization

Households may qualify for regular LIHEAP assistance and/or the emergency Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) for natural gas, wood, electricity, liquid propane/butane gas and other energy-related services. LIHEAP is offered in 82 counties in Mississippi, pending the availability of funds. Vulnerable households receive the greatest priority among families who qualify for services. Vulnerable households include those households with members who are elderly, disabled, or with children age 5 or younger.

To apply for this program or for more information contact your local Community Action Agency or apply online at mdhs.ms.gov.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) improves the energy performance of people's homes to reduce their monthly energy costs. Weatherization crews provide the most effective, energy-efficient measures to address health and safety concerns, improve comfort and indoor air quality. Services may include:

- Ceiling, wall, and floor insulation
- Energy conservation education
- Air infiltration reduction
- Furnace repair and replacement
- Heating duct improvements

The Weatherization Assistance Program is available to individuals who are within 200 percent of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines. To apply for this program or for more information contact your local Community Action Agency or apply online at mdhs.ms.gov.

Warm Neighbor Assistance

TCEPA offers Warm Neighbor Assistance Program, a program used to assist members with their electric bill in a one-time emergency. It is available to any member who finds themselves in need of financial hardship to pay their electric bill. The program is available any time of the year but can only be used once by a member. It is administered by the luka Methodist Church.

To apply for Warm Neighbor Assistance, any TCEPA member may contact the luka Methodist Church at 662-423-6097 or the collections department of TCEPA.

If you wish to contribute to the Warm Neighbor program, you can do so by paying \$1 or \$5 extra on your bill each month. To find out how to contribute, please contact our office at 662-423-3646.