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In light of the growing severity of the Covid-19 situation in our state, the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives has directed the five Community Action Agencies that implement the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to extend the FAP Program Year until May 29, 2020. This action will provide the opportunity to offer financial assistance to those qualifying NH citizens who have been and will be adversely affected by the economic disruption being faced by many at the present time.

As always, there are specific income requirements to be met to enroll in the Program, but it will allow those now finding themselves in financial need with a benefit towards paying for their heating expenses.

As vendors, if a client contacts you with concerns about their ability to pay, please be sure to ask them if they have applied for the Fuel Assistance Program. If they have not, please direct them to the Community Action Agency in the county where they reside. All applications must be processed through that Agency. Be assured that there is adequate funding for this program. For your convenience, I have listed the contact information for these agencies.

Belknap-Merrimack Counties:

www.bm-cap.org

SNHS (Hillsborough/Rockingham Counties): www.snhs.org

Strafford County:

www.straffordcap.org

SCS (Sullivan/Cheshire Counties):

www.scshelps.org

TCCA (Carroll/Coos/Grafton Counties):

www.tccap.org

As a direct result of Covid-19, applicants should contact the agency directly regarding their particular application process as staffing levels and precautions being taken for each office may vary.

Please understand that existing FAP customers will NOT be receiving an additional benefit. This notification only applies to **NEW** FAP customers who enroll by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

In an addendum of your vendor agreement with the CAAs: "It is the responsibility of the vendor to verify that all eligible payments for FAP PY 20 have been received by the CAA by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in JULY."

Thank you for your collaboration to meet the energy needs of our state!

TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964