

To: Interested Parties
From: Deirdre Weedon
Date: 08/12/2021
Re: Public Hearing for Review of the Rhode Island 2022 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State plan.

In accordance to Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human services proposes the following DHS State Plan:

2022 R.I. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant is funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the LIHEAP program is to assist Rhode Island's income eligible households meet the increasing cost of home energy and reduce the severity of an energy related crisis. Funds are also used to improve the energy efficiency of income eligible homes. Rhode Island's LIHEAP is administered by the Department of Human Services. LIHEAP intake, outreach, and payment processing is handled by local Community Action Agencies (CAP).

This proposed state plan is accessible on the DHS website <http://www.dhs.ri.gov> or available in hard copy upon request (401) 462-6424 or by emailing deirdre.weedon@dhs.ri.gov. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed plan on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM by the RI Department of Human Services located at the Louis Pasteur Building, 25 Howard Avenue, Bldg. #57, Cranston, RI 02920 West Wing Conference Room. Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the hearing. You may also submit written testimony by Monday, August 16, 2021 to Deirdre Weedon, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 25 Howard Avenue, Bldg. # 57, Cranston RI 02920, or email to deirdre.weedon@dhs.ri.gov.

The Hearing will begin at 1:00 PM and will conclude when the last speaker finishes testimony or at 2:30 PM, whichever comes first. The RI Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter's presence by calling 711 or RI Relay at 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) or 1-800-745-5555 (TTY). Requests for this service must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the Hearing date.

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