

August 4, 2015

<u>ACTION MEMORANDUM</u>

SUBJECT:

Governor's Delegation of Authority for the 2016

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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The Honorable Theodore Dallas

Secretary

Department of Human Services

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Deputy Secretary for Income Maintenance

ISSUE:

Governor Wolf's signature is needed on the attached Delegation of Authority page, which must be submitted with the LIHEAP Final State Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

REQUESTED ACTION DATE:

The LIHEAP Final State Plan must be submitted to the DHHS by September 1, 2015. Therefore, we request that the signed Delegation of Authority be returned to my office no later than August 25, 2015.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Delegation of Authority permits the Secretary of DHS to submit the 2016 LIHEAP State Plan, on behalf of the Governor, to DHHS for the State of Pennsylvania. It also allows the Secretary to certify that Pennsylvania will comply with the 16 assurances contained in section 2605(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

NEXT STEP:

Once we have obtained the signed document, the Office of Income Maintenance, Bureau of Policy, will submit the LIHEAP Final State Plan to DHHS.

Attachments

CC:

Mr. Harris

Ms. Padilla

Ms. Holt

Ms. Buhrig

Mr. Smith

Ms. Willis

Mr. Brenner



DATE:

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Governor's Delegation of Authority for 2016 Low-Income Home Energy SUBJECT:

Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Plan

TO:

Ms. Sarah Galbally

Deputy Policy Secretary

Office of Policy and Planning

FROM:

Theodore Dallas Auch Dub Secretary

Secretary

Attached is the Delegation of Authority page that permits the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to submit the 2016 LIHEAP State Plan on behalf of the Governor, to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the State of Pennsylvania. It also certifies that Pennsylvania will comply with the 16 assurances contained in section 2605(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

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Attachment



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Section 701(i) of the Administrative Code (71 P.S. Section 241(i)), I, Tom Wolf, hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to apply and reapply for Federal funds under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (42 U.S.C. Section 8621, et seq.), and to develop, approve and submit to the Federal government all State plans and other related documents as may be necessary for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to obtain available funds under that program. The Secretary is authorized to sign the LIHEAP assurances. This delegation of authority shall remain in effect until revoked.

I certify that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will comply with the 16 assurances contained in Title XXVI, section 2605(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 as amended, in the administration and operation of its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

TOM WOLF

Governor

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Date: August 7, 2015