



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 18, 2019

The Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

In accordance with Sections 2306.092 and 2306.097 of the Texas Government Code and 42 U.S.C. §§ 8621–8630, I hereby designate the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as the lead agency for administration of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in the State of Texas. The executive director of that agency is authorized to make assurances of certification that may be required as part of the annual application process.

This delegation of authority supersedes all previous delegations for this purpose and shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded by me or by a succeeding governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Abbott
Governor

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Sec. 2306.092. DUTIES REGARDING CERTAIN PROGRAMS CREATED UNDER FEDERAL LAW. The department shall administer, as appropriate under policies established by the board:

(1) state responsibilities for programs created under the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2701 et seq.);

(2) programs assigned to the department under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Pub.L. No. 97-35); and

(3) other federal acts creating economic opportunity programs assigned to the department.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993. Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 76, Sec. 5.69(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 994, Sec. 4, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1367, Sec. 1.16, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1341 (S.B. 1908), Sec. 19, eff. September 1, 2007.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 980, Sec. 20, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 2306.097. ENERGY SERVICES PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS. (a) The Energy Services Program for Low-Income Individuals shall operate in conjunction with the community services block grant program and has jurisdiction and responsibility for administration of the following elements of the State Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, from whatever sources funded:

- (1) the Energy Crisis Intervention Program;
- (2) the weatherization program; and
- (3) the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.