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Section 2

I. Purpose

This Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) provides information on the 2015-16 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) initial local district administrative allocations and program allocations for locally issued HEAP payments.

All Social Services Districts (SSDs) receive administrative funds to support HEAP's administration. Additionally, SSDs receive program allocations for locally issued payments. This LCM outlines the requirements for use of these funds and provides each SSD with the amounts of the administrative and program allocations.

II. Background

Each SSD's administrative allocation was based on the number of HEAP Mass Authorization (Autopay) benefits, Regular application benefits, and Emergency benefits processed during the previous year, weighted to reflect the administrative effort required in processing each case type.

Program allocations are based on the number of local payments issued in 2014-15. Local payments include heat included benefits issued directly to recipients, either through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) or through check issuance, and two party check payments issued to vendors participating in HEAP under the Option E provision of the HEAP Vendor Agreement.

III. Program Implications

Administrative Allocations

The initial 2015-16 HEAP district administrative allocation amounts were established based on a federal Continuing Resolution (CR) enacted on September 30, 2015 that provides funding for LIHEAP.

Administrative funds are to be used to establish the SSD's local HEAP certification network (including obligations to the alternate certifier(s)) and to meet staffing and operational needs for the 2015-16 program. Acceptable uses of administrative funds include, but are not limited to, staff salaries, staff overtime, temporary staff costs, alternate certifier contract costs, fringe benefits, indirect costs, and equipment purchases to aid in the administration of the program. As in the past, reimbursement of administrative costs in excess of each SSD's allocation cannot be guaranteed. Only administrative costs incurred on and after October 1, 2015 may be charged against the 2015-16 allocation.

Program Allocations

The attached program allocations reflect the anticipated amount of funds needed for local issuance of 2015-16 HEAP payments. Cash advances will be provided to SSDs. **SSDs must remove the locks no later than 30 calendar days after receipt of HEAP program allocations for these payments.**

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