

From the Hotline

- Q.** When is a food stamp AU entitled to the Heating SUA?
- A.** A food stamp AU is entitled to the Heating SUA when the food stamp AU:
- incurs heating costs separately from its rent or mortgage and is billed regularly for its heating costs; or
 - receives Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act (LIHEEA) payments.
- Q.** Is a food stamp AU's eligibility for the Heating SUA based on: a) *eligibility* for the LIHEEA Program; b) actual *receipt* of an LIHEEA payment; or c) the *authorization* of a LIHEEA payment?
- A.** Eligibility for the Heating SUA is based on receipt of a LIHEEA payment - either already or reasonably anticipated to be received. If a LIHEEA payment has been authorized, the AU Manager can anticipate with reasonable certainty that it will be received.
- Note:** AUs that have their utilities included in their rent may receive a LIHEEA payment.
- Q.** What is considered "reasonable anticipation" of receipt of LIHEEA?
- A.** "Reasonable anticipation" of receipt of LIHEEA must be determined on an individual household basis. There are some guidelines that may be used. For example, if a food stamp AU received LIHEEA during the previous heating season and anticipates applying again and LIHEEA funds are available, it is likely that a LIHEEA payment will be received, and the AU would then be entitled to the Heating SUA. The Provider agencies for the LIHEEA payment are the best sources of information if receipt of LIHEEA funds is questionable.
- Q.** I think that my food stamp AU meets the criteria for a LIHEEA payment and would be eligible if she applied. Can I give this household a Heating SUA?
- A.** No. If the AU has not applied and does not intend to apply for LIHEEA, it cannot be anticipated with reasonable certainty that a LIHEEA payment will be received. The Heating SUA is given to AUs who have received or will be receiving LIHEEA. You should encourage all individuals who may be eligible for LIHEEA to apply.

- Q.** How would a LIHEEA payment made to the landlord be handled?
- A.** A LIHEEA payment could be sent directly to the landlord, and the rent the AU must pay would then be reduced by the amount of the LIHEEA payment. For food stamp purposes, however, the full amount of the rent must be allowed as a shelter deduction and the AU must be given the full Heating SUA.

Federal Veterans' Match

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The Federal Veterans' Match identifies assessed persons who may be receiving federal veterans' benefits and benefits from the Department of Transitional Assistance. This report will be run quarterly.

This memo provides information and instructions for reviewing and acting on matched data.

BEACON Todays Issued in May 2002

- BT 81 Earned Income Match Discrepancies (4/29/02)
- BT 82 Recipient Notices Dated 4/26/02 (5/2/02)
- BT 83 Two-Day Process for Approving FS Applications on Day 30 (5/20/02)