

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
NJ STATE PLAN and GRANT APPLICATION AMENDMENT FOR  
PROGRAM YEAR 2020  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Please take notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, Office of Low-Income Energy Conservation, will conduct a public hearing regarding an amendment to the New Jersey Model Plan for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services FFY2020 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and changes to the State LIHEAP Handbook.

The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment on the exclusion of Census Income when calculating applicants' income for the 2020 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and to include same in the State LIHEAP Handbook.

The hearing will be held February 21, 2020 at 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM in Conference Room 129 at the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Public Hearing is being held pursuant to Section 2605 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986.

The State Plan Amendment and State LIHEAP Handbook will be posted and available for review eleven days prior to the Public Hearing on February 3, 2020 at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html>. Testimony must be submitted in writing. Those giving oral testimony are required to submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing.

Additional comments for consideration may be submitted before the hearing by mailing the document to the address listed below:

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