



## VA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### Information Notice 02-2018

**TO: ALL WEATHERIZATION SUB-GRANTEES**  
**FROM: NANCY PALMER, HOUSING PROGRAMS MANAGER /np**  
**DATE: 06/28/2018**  
**SUBJECT: NEW INCOME LIMITS FOR VIRGINIA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Income limits are being updated in Hancock **effective July 1, 2018**. These limits are effective beginning July 1, 2018 until superseded.

In accordance with WPN 17-3, the State may use the LIHEAP limit of 60% of State Median Income (SMI) but not lower than 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL). According to LIHEAP Information Memorandum 2018-02, the Virginia State median income currently is \$96,804. Sixty percent (60%) of SMI is higher for households of 7 or less. For households of 8 or more, 200% of poverty (FPL) is greater.

#### WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS EFFECTIVE 7/1/2018

Size of Family Unit	Income Limits
1	30,203
2	39,496
3	48,789
4	58,082
5	67,375
6	76,668
7	78,410
8	84,760
9	93,400
10	102,040
11	110,680
12	119,320

## **DEFINITION OF INCOME:**

**A. INCOME:** Income means Cash Receipts earned and/or received by the applicant before taxes during applicable tax year(s) **but not** the Income Exclusions listed below in **Section C**.

**B. CASH RECEIPTS:** Cash Receipts include the following:

1. money, wages and salaries before any deductions;
2. net receipts from non-farm or farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own business or from an owned or rented farm after deductions for business or farm expenses);
3. regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment compensation, strike benefits from union funds, worker's compensation, veteran's payments, training stipends, alimony, and military family allotments;
4. private pensions, government employee pensions (including military retirement pay), and regular insurance or annuity payments;
5. dividends and/or interest;
6. net rental income and net royalties;
7. periodic receipts from estates or trusts; and
8. net gambling or lottery winnings.

**C. INCOME EXCLUSIONS:** The following Cash Receipts **are not** considered sources of Income for the purposes of determining applicant eligibility:

1. capital gains;
2. any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank;
3. money received from the sale of a property, house, or car;
4. one-time payments from a welfare agency to a family or person who is in temporary financial difficulty;
5. tax refunds;
6. gifts, loans, or lump-sum inheritances;
7. college scholarships;
8. one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury;
9. non-cash benefits, such as the employer-paid or union-paid portion of health insurance;
10. employee fringe benefits, food or housing received in lieu of wages;
11. the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms;
12. the imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing;
13. Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance;
14. combat zone pay to the military; and
15. Child Support, as defined below in **Section E**.

**E. CHILD SUPPORT:** Child Support payments, whether received by the Payee or paid by the Payor, are not considered Sources of Income for the purposes of determining applicant eligibility.

1. **Payee:** Where an applicant receives child support from any state program or individual during an applicable tax year, such assistance **is not** considered Income for the purposes of determining eligibility.

2. **Payor:** Where an applicant pays child support through a state program and/or to an individual, such assistance **is not** considered a reduction of Income for the purposes of determining eligibility (i.e., where an applicant pays Child Support, he or she may not deduct said assistance for the purposes of determining eligibility).