



**2008
LIHEAP Cooling Program
July 9, 2006 until funding is exhausted**

**CEDA LIHEAP HOTLINE
1-800-571-CEDA**

INCOME GUIDELINES:

There are new income guidelines effective July 2007. See Below:

# of people Living in Household	* Gross Income for 30 Days Prior to Application Date	# of people Living in Household	* Gross Income for 30 Days Prior to Application Date
1	\$ 1,276.25	5	\$ 3,016.25
2	\$ 1,711.25	6	\$ 3,451.25
3	\$ 2,146.25	7	\$ 3,886.25
4	\$ 2,581.25	8	\$ 4,321.25

For each additional person add \$435.

Frequently Asked Questions

❖ Who is eligible for the Summer Cooling Program?

- LIHEAP will make electricity bill payments on behalf of seniors, the disabled, families with young children 2 years of age or younger (less than 36 months old) at the time of processed application, and people with medical conditions that would be aggravated by extreme heat.
- Payments will be paid directly to the household's electric utility i.e. ComEd.

❖ Medical Certification

The household must contain at least one member experiencing an existing serious medical condition that would be aggravated by disconnected energy service in accordance with ICC regulations found in 83 Illinois Admin. Code 280.130.

The existence of serious medical condition(s) must be certified by a licensed medical practitioner. The medical condition documentation/certification must be dated within one year of the date of application. For LIHEAP Summer Cooling applications the medical condition documentation/certification must be dated within 90 days of the date of application. Medical persons from whom this certification can be accepted are limited to:

- Any physician licensed in accordance with the Medical Practice Act of 1987 or licensed in an adjoining state
- Public health officials who are medical persons (i.e., licensed physicians or licensed registered or licensed practical nurses acting as a representative of a physician) associated with the National Health Service, the Illinois Department of Public Health, a county health department, or a city or township health department.

Once the medical practitioner has determined a serious medical condition exists, he/she should complete the Emergency Medical Certification form. If the applicant has a statement from a medical person with that contains identical information i.e., name and address of the household member with condition, a description of the condition, the period of time during which termination of energy services will aggravate the illness, signature and title of medical person, then such a statement is acceptable. When filed, it must be attached to the Medical Certification form.

❖ **Elderly**

An applicant or household member age 60 or above (born before July 31, 1946) is considered elderly, and the household is eligible to apply for benefits during the priority period.

❖ **Disabled**

An applicant or household member is considered to be disabled for the purposes of LIHEAP and eligible to apply for benefits during the priority period if he or she is: totally and permanently disabled or blind and receiving or has made application for federal Social Security Disability benefits based on blindness or disability, Veterans Administration Disability benefits, Railroad Retirement Disability benefits, or any State Pension or payment based on blindness or disability.

Documentation may include the following sources. If HOH (head of household/or spouse), receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), receipt of Social Security Disability (under age 62 with social security number followed by claim letter A, HA, W, or C, if adult child), an award letter stating permanent and total disability, a Veterans Administration disability award letter, Medicare Card, or a bank statement indication HOH/spouse receives SSI or proof of application for any of the above.