

statutory
references

HEATING COMPONENT

2605(b)(5) → Please check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels (check all that apply):

(determination
of benefits)

- income
- family (household) size
- home energy cost or need
 - fuel type
 - climate/region
 - individual bill
 - dwelling type
 - energy burden
(% of income spent on home energy)
 - energy need
 - other (describe) Medical necessary

2605(b)(5) → Describe how you will assure that the highest benefits go to households
2605(c)(1)(B) with the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size.

(benefit levels) Please describe benefit levels or attach a copy of your payment matrix.
The application process is a first come first serve with the elderly, disabled, and families with children 5 years and younger, with the exception of the home bound and a home visit is scheduled. The tribe conducts an annually tribal census to determine the needs of the tribal citizens. (See attachment for tribal census). The payments will be based on the amount of funding received; the higher benefits will go to the household with the greatest needs. Points are determined based on the following chart:

The tribe believes that due to relative immobility of the handicapped and to the effects of the natural aging process, the temperature required to maintain a comfortable environment in these households is higher than those without elderly, handicapped and families with children ages 5 and younger. Also, children are vulnerable due to small bodies and the inability to regulate their body temperature. This results in energy expenses which are higher than that of other households. While the tribe is not required to take these factors into consideration, it does not appear to be expressly prohibited.

Also, a mobile home is hard to keep the temperature regulated due to poor insulation, and the construction of the mobile homes. The homes that were built prior to 1970 lacks modern insulation, some homes are built from wood as A frame home. Therefore the tribe gives the additional points s for each of these factors that exist within a household.

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Points</u>
Base Points	All eligible households	5
Income Level	Under \$10,000.00	4

	\$10,001.00 - \$15,000.00	3
	\$15,001.00 - \$20,000.00	2
	\$20,001.00-\$25,000.00	1
	Over \$25,0001.00	0
Household Size	1- 2 persons	1
	3 – 4 persons	2
	5 – 7 persons	3
	8 or more persons	4
Fuel Type	Propane or Natural Gas	4
	Wood	3
	Electricity	2
	Any Combination of Electricity, Wood, Propane or Natural Gas	1
Special Conditions	Elderly Impaired	5
	Physical Impaired	5
	Family with child 5 years and younger	5
	Lives in mobile home built prior to 1980	4
	Lives in a mobile home	3
	Lives in a home built prior to 1970	2

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→ Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?

 X Yes No If Yes, please describe. Winter clothing such as sweaters, jackets, coats, gloves, socks, scarves, caps. Also, if the funds are short or exhausted the tribe provides funding to pay for the energy cost.