Payment guidelines are based upon income, energy burden and energy need. Priority points are given to households with the lowest income, highest energy burden and energy need. Households, which meet these criteria, are eligible for higher benefits.

1. Poverty: Based on 60 percent of State Median Income for household sizes of one through six. For households of seven or more percentages will be based on 150 percent of the Federal Poverty guidelines.

Percent of Poverty Points Applied

 0% - 25% 5 points

 26% - 50% 4 points

 51% - 50% 3 points

 76% - 100% 2 point

1. Energy Burden

Percent of Energy Burden Points Applied

 5% - or less 0 points

 6% - 10% 3 points

 11% - 15% 4 points

 16% - 20% 5 points

 21% - Higher 6 points

1. Energy Need

Percent of Energy Need Points Applied

 Elderly 1 point

 Disabled 1 point

 Child age 6 and under in Household 1 point

 Working Poor 1 point

 Total Points Applied Payment Levels

 1 - 2 $ 75 - $160 maximum

 3 - 6 $125 - $320 maximum

 7 - 11 $175 - $480 maximum

 12 - 15 $225 - $640 maximum