

2017 Delaware Energy Assistance Program Benefit Matrix

Household Size¹:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
³	\$ 11,880	\$ 16,020	\$ 20,160	\$ 24,300	\$ 28,440	\$ 32,580	\$ 36,730	\$ 40,890	100% Federal Poverty Guideline

Maximum Income Limits for the Poverty Percent Interval:

	1	2	3	4 ⁴	5	6	7	8	Poverty Percent Interval ²	KERO, PROPANE	FUEL OIL	ELECTRIC	NATURAL GAS	OTHER
\$	3,029	4,085	5,140	6,196	7,252	8,307	9,366	10,426	0% to 25%	\$ 1,681	\$ 1,024	\$ 957	\$ 738	\$ 565
\$	5,999	8,090	10,180	12,271	14,362	16,452	18,548	20,649	26% to 50%	\$ 1,519	\$ 925	\$ 865	\$ 667	\$ 511
\$	8,969	12,095	15,220	18,346	21,472	24,597	27,731	30,871	51% to 75%	\$ 1,096	\$ 667	\$ 623	\$ 481	\$ 368
\$	11,939	16,100	20,260	24,421	28,582	32,742	36,913	41,094	76% to 100%	\$ 792	\$ 482	\$ 451	\$ 348	\$ 266
\$	14,909	20,105	25,300	30,496	35,692	40,887	46,096	51,316	101% to 125%	\$ 590	\$ 360	\$ 336	\$ 259	\$ 198
\$	17,879	24,110	30,340	36,571	42,802	49,032	55,278	61,539	126% to 150%	\$ 474	\$ 288	\$ 269	\$ 208	\$ 159
\$	20,849	28,115	35,380	42,646	49,912	57,177	64,461	71,761	151% to 175%	\$ 424	\$ 258	\$ 241	\$ 186	\$ 143
\$	23,819	32,120	40,420	48,721	57,022	65,322	73,643	81,984	176% to 200%	\$ 298	\$ 181	\$ 169	\$ 131	\$ 100

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¹ Household members represent those related and/or unrelated individuals who are living together as one economic unit for whom residential energy is customarily purchased in common or who make undesignated payments for residential energy in the form of rent.

² Poverty Percent Interval for the household is calculated by dividing the household's gross income by the dollar amount equal to 100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, multiplying the result by 100, and expressing the result as a rounded percent. Gross income is the household's income before any deductions or adjustments, such as taxes or medical costs, are made to the household income.

This row represents 100% of the 2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines that were issued in the Federal Register Volume 81, Number 15, on January 25, 2016 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.cfm>).

³ For households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 to the 100% Federal Poverty Guideline for each additional person and calculate the Poverty Percent Interval. For example, household with 9 members has 100% federal poverty guideline of \$40,890+\$4,160=\$45,050.

⁴ In Delaware \$53,222 = 60 Percent of the Estimated State Median Income for Four-Person Families for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017, for Use in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Published by the Federal Children and Families

Administration in the Information Memorandum LIHEAP-IM-2016-03, on July 5, 2016. The LIHEAP statute establishes 150 percent of the federal poverty level as the maximum income level allowed in determining LIHEAP income eligibility, except where 60 percent of state median income is higher.

Flat LIHEAP Benefit for clients living in subsidized housing when heat is not included in the rent is **\$ 241** and rent is less or equal to **\$ 454** per month

If rent in subsidized housing is greater than **\$ 454** per month, then LIHEAP Benefit is issued based on the LIHEAP Benefit Matrix

Example: Household size 4 with gross income **\$ 24,422** belongs into poverty interval **101%** to **125%** and should receive Electric Benefit of **\$ 336**