**Model Plan FY 2020**

**Benefit Matrix**

The Benefit Matrix is a calculation to determine the benefits that should be awarded, and it is based on household income, the family size and the energy cost/burden of the family. The FPL or the SMI has no direct bearing on the Benefit Matrix. The amounts on the left column represent household income bracket, while the others are the estimated benefits based on the number of people in the household and the energy cost/burden. Warren and Sussex Counties are the coldest counties in the state, so their estimated HEA benefits is higher.