

**2019 Delaware Energy Assistance Program Benefit Matrix**

Household Size<sup>1</sup>:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<sup>3</sup>	\$ 12,140	\$ 16,460	\$ 20,780	\$ 25,100	\$ 29,420	\$ 33,740	\$ 38,060	\$ 42,380	100% Federal Poverty Guideline

Maximum Income Limits for the Poverty Percent Interval:

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1	2	3	4 <sup>4</sup>	5	6	7	8	Poverty Percent Interval <sup>2</sup>	PROPANE	FUEL OIL	ELECTRIC	GAS	OTHER	
\$ 3,095	\$ 4,197	\$ 5,298	\$ 6,400	\$ 7,502	\$ 8,603	\$ 9,705	\$ 10,806	0% to 25%	\$ 1,852	\$ 1,266	\$ 859	\$ 573	\$ 483	
\$ 6,130	\$ 8,312	\$ 10,493	\$ 12,675	\$ 14,857	\$ 17,038	\$ 19,220	\$ 21,401	26% to 50%	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,145	\$ 777	\$ 519	\$ 437	
\$ 9,165	\$ 12,427	\$ 15,688	\$ 18,950	\$ 22,212	\$ 25,473	\$ 28,735	\$ 31,996	51% to 75%	\$ 1,211	\$ 828	\$ 562	\$ 375	\$ 316	
\$ 12,200	\$ 16,542	\$ 20,883	\$ 25,225	\$ 29,567	\$ 33,908	\$ 38,250	\$ 42,591	76% to 100%	\$ 875	\$ 599	\$ 406	\$ 271	\$ 228	
\$ 15,235	\$ 20,657	\$ 26,078	\$ 31,500	\$ 36,922	\$ 42,343	\$ 47,765	\$ 53,186	101% to 125%	\$ 648	\$ 443	\$ 300	\$ 201	\$ 169	
\$ 18,270	\$ 24,772	\$ 31,273	\$ 37,775	\$ 44,277	\$ 50,778	\$ 57,280	\$ 63,781	126% to 150%	\$ 509	\$ 348	\$ 236	\$ 158	\$ 133	
\$ 21,305	\$ 28,887	\$ 36,468	\$ 44,050	\$ 51,632	\$ 59,213	\$ 66,795	\$ 74,376	151% to 175%	\$ 440	\$ 301	\$ 204	\$ 136	\$ 115	
\$ 24,340	\$ 33,002	\$ 41,663	\$ 50,325	\$ 58,987	\$ 67,648	\$ 76,310	\$ 84,971	176% to 200%	\$ 384	\$ 262	\$ 178	\$ 119	\$ 100	

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Updated Dates

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines that were issued in the Federal Register Volume 83, Number 12, on January 18, 2018 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

<sup>3</sup> (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.cfm>). For households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 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 \$42,380+\$4,320=\$46,700.

<sup>4</sup> In Delaware \$54,116 = 60 Percent of the Estimated State Median Income for Four-Person Families for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018, 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-2017-03, on July 25, 2017. 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. DE LIHEAP expects the value for 60% of SMI for 4-Person Families for FFY 2019 to be above \$50,325.

Flat LIHEAP Benefit for clients living in subsidized housing when heat is not included in the rent is \$ 199 and rent is less or equal to \$ 446 per month  
 If rent in subsidized housing is greater than \$ 446 per month, then LIHEAP Benefit is issued based on the LIHEAP Benefit Matrix

Example: Household size 4 with gross income \$ 25,226 belongs into poverty interval 101% to 125% and should receive Electric Benefit of \$ 300