

Program:	Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP) MaineHousing Heat Pump Program (MHPP) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	MHN #	2022-015
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This MaineHousing Notice 2022-015 is being issued to clarify how HEAP PY 23 Rule changes effect CHIP, MHPP and WAP eligibility.

1. *HEAP PY 23 Program Rule*

Reference: Section 9A and Section 10D which have to do with CHIP and WAP eligibility have both had “**has a household income less than or equal to 200% Federal Poverty Level;**” removed from the Program Rule

By removing the above from the HEAP Rule, All HEAP eligible households are now income eligible for HEAP funded housing programs. This includes CHIP, MHPP and HEAP Wx.

DOE Weatherization still has an income cap at 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). There may be households that are HEAP eligible but are over the DOE 200% FPL. In these instances, the households are only eligible for HEAP Weatherization and not DOE funded Weatherization. However, HEAP allowable income deductions can be used to bring the household down to the 200% FPL so DOE Weatherization can also be used.

HEAT software uses income limits of 200% FPL. If you are working on a job that has income higher then this you will need to reduce the income in HEAT to just below this level to be able to move forward with the job. When you do this please put a comment about reducing the income on the Application tab which is in the Client Information module.

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