

INFORMATION NOTICE

	Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP)		2025-CHIP-002
Action:	Process to access HEAP application for CHIP Only	Effective Date:	9/18/25
Issued by:	MaineHousing	Expired Date:	

This MaineHousing Notice is being issued to provide guidance on offering CHIP assistance for a denied HEAP application involving a non-working heating system.

1. Instructions for ECOS for a HEAP Application that has been Denied for CHIP Only

When CAAs need to create a CHIP job and the HEAP application is denied for CHIP Only, follow these steps to process the CHIP job and have the HEAP application fully certified for a HEAP benefit:

- 1. Email the ehshelpdesk@mainehousing.org mailbox to request the HEAP application be reopened for CHIP.
- 2. The Subject line in the email should say **CHIP Only Reopen**. The body of the email should state that the CAA requests to have the Application reopened so that the CAA can create a CHIP job. CAA needs to include the <u>HEAP Application ID and the clients first and last name</u>.
- 3. MaineHousing will notify the CAA once the application has been **Certified for Benefit**, at which point the CAA may proceed with starting the CHIP job.
- 4. Process the CHIP job as CAA normally would.
- 5. Add Case Note in ECOS when the CHIP job is completed and include the <u>date CHIP was completed</u>.
- 6. Once the CHIP job is complete and the home has a working heating system CAA will need to send an email to ehshelpdesk@mainehousing.org. In the subject line put **CHIP Only Completed** and in the body of the email include the Application ID, first and last name and state that CHIP has been completed and the home has a working heating system.

2. Notice Contact

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