



<b>Program:</b> Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	<b>MHPN #</b> 2025-WAP-007
<b>Action:</b> ECOS Limited Conditional Approval	<b>Effective Date:</b> August 22, 2025
<b>Issued by:</b> MaineHousing, Energy and Housing Services	<b>Expired Date:</b>

This MaineHousing Information Notice is being issued to provide clarification to DOE Memorandum dated July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regarding ECOS conditional approval.

### 1. Updates for WAP – all funding streams

#### DOE Conditional Approval for ECOS Use:

##### Limiting ECOS Use for Site-Built (SB) Homes

DOE has issued MaineHousing a conditional approval for the use of ECOS. During its review of submitted ECOS sample audits, DOE identified discrepancies in the analysis of SB homes. These discrepancies resulted in unusually high pre-condition heating loads and, in turn, overstated measure cost-savings estimates. The issue was most evident in audits involving heat pumps and fuel-switching.

As a result, DOE is restricting the use of the ECOS energy audit for SB homes. Specifically, ECOS may not be used when:

- A heat pump is present or being considered for replacement, or
- Fuel-switching is being considered.

This restriction will remain in effect until DOE issues a memo confirming the condition has been resolved. In the meantime, the Grantee must work with the developer and DOE to align ECOS results with the sample audit baseline provided by DOE.

At this time, site-built homes that require modeling of a heat pump or consideration of a fuel-switch measure cannot be modeled in ECOS. This restriction applies exclusively to SB homes. **Manufactured Housing (MH) homes are not subject to this limitation and may continue to be modeled in ECOS without restriction.**

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