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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.
The Department of Health and Welfare has the authority to establish and enforce rules under Sections 56-202 and 56-203, Idaho Code, and to enter into contracts with the federal government to provide assistance to eligible individuals. This program is authorized by the U.S. Department of Energy, under Part A of the Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons, 42 U.S.C. 6861-6872, and the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101.

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. The title of this chapter is IDAPA 16.04.16, “Weatherization Assistance Program in Idaho.”

02. Scope. This chapter contains rules implementing a weatherization assistance program to assist low income persons established by the U.S. Department of Energy. This program was enacted as Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, P.L. 94-385, 90 Stat. 1125 et seq., and amended by Title II, Part 2, of the National Energy and Policy Conservation Act, 42 USC 6201, et seq., 42 USC 6301, et seq., and 42 USC 6401, et seq.

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.
In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency may have written statements that pertain to the interpretation of the rules of this chapter, or to the documentation of compliance with the rules of this chapter. These documents are available for public inspection and copying at cost at the Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0036 or at any of the Department’s Regional Offices.

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.
Appeals and proceedings for any Department actions are governed by IDAPA 16.05.03, “Rules Governing Contested Case Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings.” An appeal does not stay the action of the Department.

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.
No documents are incorporated by reference in this chapter of rule.

005. OFFICE – OFFICE HOURS – MAILING ADDRESS – STREET ADDRESS – INTERNET WEBSITE.

01. Office Hours. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays designated by the State of Idaho.

02. Mailing Address. The mailing address for the business office is Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036.

03. Street Address. The business office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is located at 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702.

04. Telephone. (208) 334-5500.

05. Internet Website Address. Department Internet website is http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/.

006. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS.

01. Confidential Records. Any information about an individual covered by these rules and contained in Department records must comply with IDAPA 16.05.01, “Use and Disclosure of Department Records,” and federal
02. Public Records. The Department of Health and Welfare will comply with Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, when requests for the examination and copying of public records are made. Unless otherwise exempt, as set forth in Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, and other state and federal laws and regulations, all public records in the custody of the Department of Health and Welfare are subject to disclosure. (5-8-09)

007. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.
For purposes of this chapter of rules, the following terms and abbreviations apply. (3-25-16)

01. Contractor. A weatherization project entity at the sub-state level which receives a contract from the Department to carry out activities of this program. (5-8-09)

02. Cosmetic Items. Items which, when installed, will not reduce energy costs in a cost effective manner, such as finishes, decorative materials, elevation materials, aluminum siding, board and bat, clapboard, brick, shakes, or asphalt siding. (5-8-09)

03. Department. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare or its designee. (5-8-09)

04. DOE. The U.S. Department of Energy. (5-8-09)

05. Dwelling Unit. A house, including a stationary mobile home, an apartment, a group of rooms or a single room occupied as separate living quarters. (5-8-09)

a. Rental Dwelling Unit. A dwelling unit occupied by a person who pays rent for use of the dwelling unit. (5-8-09)

b. Single-Family Dwelling Unit. A structure containing no more than one (1) dwelling unit. (5-8-09)

06. Elderly Person. A person who is sixty (60) years of age or older. (5-8-09)

07. EPA. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (5-8-09)

08. Family Unit. All persons living together in a dwelling unit. (5-8-09)

09. Grantee. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. (5-8-09)

10. Household. All persons living together in a dwelling unit. (5-8-09)

11. Heating or Cooling Sources. A device which raises or lowers the temperature within a dwelling unit that is part of the permanent heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system installed in the dwelling unit. Examples of a heating or cooling system are: furnaces, heat pumps, stoves, boilers, heaters, fireplaces, air-conditioners, fans, or solar devices. (5-8-09)

12. Low-Income. Income as it relates to family size which is:

a. Determined using criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, unless a higher level has been established by the Secretary and is necessary to carry out the purpose of this part and is consistent with the eligibility criteria established for the weatherization program under Section 222(a)(12) of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; (3-29-10)

b. The basis on which cash assistance payments have been paid during the preceding twelve (12) month period under Titles IV and XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 301, or applicable state or local law; or (5-8-09)
c. The basis for eligibility for assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. (3-29-10)

13. Mechanical Equipment. A control device or apparatus which is primarily designed to improve the heating or cooling efficiency of a dwelling unit, and which will permanently be affixed to an existing heating or cooling source, such as flue dampers, clock thermostats, filters, and replacements limit switches. (5-8-09)

14. Occupants. A single family, one (1) person living alone, two (2) or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements. (5-8-09)

15. Persons with Disabilities. Any individual who is:
   a. Handicapped as defined in Section 7(6) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; (5-8-09)
   b. Under a disability as defined in Section 1614(a)(3)(A) or 223(d)(1) of the Social Security Act or in Section 102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act; or (5-8-09)
   c. Receiving benefits under Chapter 11 or 15 of Title 38, U.S.C. (5-8-09)

16. Regional Representative. A Regional Representative of the U.S. Department of Energy. (5-8-09)

17. Secretary. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy. (5-8-09)

18. Separate Living Quarters. Living quarters in which the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall or complete kitchen facilities for the exclusive use of the occupants. The occupants may be related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements, and includes shelters for homeless persons. (5-8-09)

19. Shelter. A dwelling unit or units whose principal purpose is to house on a temporary basis individuals who may or may not be related to one another and who are not living in nursing homes, prisons, or similar institutional care facilities. (5-8-09)

20. Subgrantee. An entity managing a weatherization project which receives a grant or contract of funds awarded under this program from the Department. (3-25-16)

21. Weatherization Project. A project conducted in a single geographical area which undertakes to weatherize dwelling units which are energy inefficient. (5-8-09)

22. Weatherization Materials. Items used to improve the heating or cooling efficiency of a dwelling unit, such as:
   a. Caulking and weatherstripping of doors and windows; (5-8-09)
   b. Furnace efficiency modifications which include replacement burners, furnaces, or boilers or any combination thereof; (5-8-09)
   c. Devices for minimizing energy loss through heating system, chimney, or venting devices; (5-8-09)
   d. Electrical or mechanical furnace ignition systems which replace standing gas pilot lights; and (5-8-09)
   e. Cooling efficiency modifications that include replacement air conditioners, ventilation equipment, screening and window films, and shading devices. (5-8-09)

011. -- 049. (RESERVED)

050. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.
01. **Record Keeping.** Each subgrantee receiving federal financial assistance under the Weatherization Assistance Program must keep records as required by the DOE, which include the following:

   a. Records that fully disclose the amount and disposition by subgrantee of the funds received;

   b. The total cost of a weatherization project;

   c. The total expenditure to implement the weatherization plan for which such assistance was given or used;

   d. The source and amount of funds for such project or program not supplied by DOE and corresponding records;

   e. Documentation of the average costs incurred in weatherization of individual dwelling units;

   f. Documentation of the average size of the dwelling being weatherized;

   g. Documentation of the average income of households receiving assistance; and

   h. Records and documentation DOE finds necessary for an effective audit and performance evaluation.

02. **Matching Funds.** Financial assistance under the Weatherization Assistance Program will be used to supplement, and not to supplant, local funds, and to the maximum extent practicable as determined by DOE, to increase the amounts of local funds that would be made available in the absence of federal funds provided under the Program.

03. **Program Coordination.** To the maximum extent practicable, the use of weatherization assistance must be coordinated with other federal, state, local, or privately funded programs in order to improve energy efficiency and to conserve energy.

051. **FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEAD SAFE PRACTICES.**

To protect against lead-based paint associated risks, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements under 40 CFR 745 must be followed for all homes built before 1978, with the following exclusions:

01. **Written Determination Renovation is Lead Free.** Renovations in housing in which a written determination has been made by an inspector or risk assessor (certified under either Federal regulations at 40 CFR 745.226 or a State or Tribal certifications program authorized pursuant to 40 CFR 745.324) that the components affected by the renovation are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of one (1.0) milligrams/per square centimeter (1.0 mg/cm²) or a half percent (0.5%) by weight, where the firm performing the renovation has obtained a copy of the determination.

02. **Testing for Lead.** Renovations in housing facilities in which a certified renovator, using an EPA recognized test kit as defined in 40 CFR 745.83 and following the kit manufacturer's instructions, has tested each component affected by the renovation and determined that the components are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of one (1.0) milligrams/per square centimeter (1.0 mg/cm²) or a half percent (0.5%) by weight. If the components make up an integrated whole, such as the individual stair treads and risers of a single staircase, the renovator is required to test only one (1) of the individual components, unless the individual components appear to have been repaired or refinished separately.

03. **Emergency Renovation Information Distribution.** The information distribution requirements in 40 CFR 745.84 do not apply to emergency renovations, which are renovation activities that were not planned but result from a sudden, unexpected event (such as non-routine failures of equipment) that, if not immediately attended
to, presents a safety or public health hazard, or threatens equipment or property with significant damage. Emergency renovations are not exempt from the cleaning requirements of 40 CFR 745.90(a)(5), which must be preformed by certified renovators or individuals trained in accordance with 40 CFR 745.90(b)(2), the cleaning verification requirements of 40 CFR 745.85(b), which must be performed by certified renovators, and the recordkeeping requirements of 40 CFR 745.86(b)(6) and (b)(7). (5-8-09)

04. Training. The training requirements in 40 CFR 745.90 and the work practice standards for renovation activities in 40 CFR 745.85 apply to all renovations performed by the Weatherization Program, except:

a. Renovations in housing for which the firm performing the renovation has obtained a statement signed by the owner that the renovation will occur in the owner's residence, no child under age six (6) resides there, no pregnant woman resides there, the housing is not a child-occupied facility, and the owner acknowledges that the renovation firm will not be required to use the work practices contained in EPA’s renovation, repair, and painting rule. (5-8-09)

b. For the purposes of Section 051 of this rule, a child resides in the primary residence of his or her custodial parents, legal guardians, and foster parents. A child also resides in the primary residence of an informal caretaker if the child lives and sleeps most of the time at the caretaker's residence. (5-8-09)

052. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. MINIMUM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

01. Dwelling Units Eligible for Weatherization. A dwelling unit will be eligible under these rules if it is occupied by a family unit:

a. Whose income is at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the poverty level, determined according to criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; (3-29-10)

b. Which contains a member who had received cash assistance payments under Title IV or XVI of the Social Security Act or applicable state or local law paid during the twelve (12) months preceding the determination of eligibility for weatherization assistance; or (5-8-09)

c. Is eligible for assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 according to criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. (3-29-10)

02. Rental Dwelling Units Eligible for Weatherization. A Subgrantee may weatherize a building containing rental dwelling units using financial assistance for dwelling units eligible for weatherization assistance when:

a. The subgrantee has obtained the written permission of the owner or his agent; (5-8-09)

b. Not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the dwelling units in the building, or fifty percent (50%) for duplexes and four-unit buildings are eligible dwelling units, or will become eligible dwelling units within one hundred eighty (180) days under a federal, state, or local government program for rehabilitating the building or making similar improvements to the building; (5-8-09)

c. The grantee has established procedures for dwellings which consist of rental units to ensure that the benefits of the weatherization assistance in connection with such rental units, including units where the tenants pay for their energy through their rent, will benefit the low-income tenants residing in such units; (5-8-09)

d. For a reasonable period of time after weatherization work has been completed on a dwelling containing a unit occupied by an eligible household, the tenants in that unit, including households paying for their energy through their rent, will not be subjected to rent increases unless those increases are related to matters other than the weatherization work performed. (5-8-09)
e. A subgrantee may weatherize shelters and to determine how many dwelling units exist in a shelter, a subgrantee may count each 800 square feet of the shelter as a dwelling unit or it may count each floor of the shelter as a dwelling unit. (5-8-09)

03. Documentation of Eligibility. No dwelling unit can be weatherized without documentation that the dwelling unit is an eligible dwelling unit. The subgrantee must determine that the family unit is eligible using as proof any of the following: (5-8-09)
   a. Wage stubs; (5-8-09)
   b. Supplemental Security Income; (5-8-09)
   c. Medicaid card; or (5-8-09)
   d. W-2 Wage and Tax Statement. (5-8-09)

04. Documents Unavailable. If the documents listed in Subsections 100.03.a. through 100.03.d. of this rule are not available, the head of family must sign and date a declaration of income eligibility and provide it to the subgrantee identifying the following: (5-8-09)
   a. The family unit's name; (5-8-09)
   b. The family unit's address; (5-8-09)
   c. Their income level, per year or month; and (5-8-09)
   d. The sources from which the income is derived. (5-8-09)
   e. The subgrantee must spot check the information provided on at least ten percent (10%) of the declarations received to insure eligibility. (5-8-09)

05. Proof of Documentation. Copies of the proof documents are to be retained and made available by the subgrantee to the Department or its agents for inspection and audit for at least three (3) years. (5-8-09)

101. -- 199. (RESERVED)

200. ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES. The items listed in Subsections 200.01 through 200.14 of this rule are allowable expenditures for the Weatherization Assistance Program. (5-8-09)

01. Cost of Weatherization Materials. The cost to purchase and deliver weatherization materials. (5-8-09)

02. Labor Costs. The following labor costs are allowable expenditures: (5-8-09)
   a. Payments permitted by the Department of Labor to supplement wages paid to training participants, public service employment workers, or other Federal or State training programs; and (5-8-09)
   b. Payments to employ labor or to engage a contractor, particularly a nonprofit organization or a business owned by disadvantaged individuals which performs weatherization services, provided a grantee has determined an adequate number of volunteers, training participants, public service employment workers, or other federal or state training programs are not available to weatherize dwelling units for a subgrantee under the supervision of qualified supervisors. (5-8-09)

03. Transportation of Materials, Tools, and Work Crews. Transportation of weatherization material, tools, and work crews to a storage site and to the site of weatherization work. (5-8-09)
04. **Vehicle Maintenance, Operation, and Insurance.** Maintenance, operation, and insurance of vehicles used to transport weatherization materials. (5-8-09)

05. **Maintenance of Tools and Equipment.** (5-8-09)

06. **Cost of Vehicles.** Purchase of any vehicle must be referred to DOE for prior approval in every instance before cost of a vehicle is allowed as an expenditure. (5-8-09)

07. **Employment of On-Site Supervisory Personnel.** (5-8-09)

08. **Incidental Repairs.** The cost of incidental repairs if such repairs are necessary to make the installation of weatherization materials effective. (5-8-09)

09. **Cost of Liability Insurance.** The cost of liability insurance for weatherization projects for personal injury and for property damage; (5-8-09)

10. **Low-Cost Weatherization Activities.** The cost of carrying out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities in accordance with 10 CFR Part 440.20. (5-8-09)

11. **Financial Audits.** The cost of weatherization program financial audits as required by 10 CFR Part 440.23(d). (5-8-09)

12. **Administrative Expenses.** Allowable administrative expenses under 10 CFR Part 440.18(d). (5-8-09)

13. **Leveraging Activities.** Funds used for leveraging activities in accordance with 10 CFR Part 440.14(b)(9)(xiv). (5-8-09)

14. **Elimination of Health and Safety Hazards.** The cost of eliminating health and safety hazards, elimination of which is necessary before, or because of, installation of weatherization materials. (5-8-09)

15. **Limitations.** No grant funds are awarded under the Weatherization Assistance Program when used for any of the following purposes:

   a. To install or otherwise provide weatherization materials for a dwelling unit which has been weatherized previously with grant funds authorized under these rules, except as provided under 10 CFR Part 440.20 low-cost or no-cost weatherization activities. If such dwelling unit has been damaged by fire, flood, or an act of God; and repair of the damage to weatherization materials is not paid for by insurance the Weather Assistance Program may award funds for repair. (5-8-09)

   b. To weatherize a dwelling unit which is vacant or designated for acquisition or clearance by a federal, state, or local program within twelve (12) months of the date weatherization of the dwelling unit would be scheduled to be completed. (5-8-09)

   c. Dwelling units partially weatherized under 10 CFR Part 440 or under other federal programs during the period of September 30, 1975, through September 30, 1994, may receive further financial assistance for weatherization under 10 CFR Part 440. These homes must be reported separately, but may be counted as completions for the purposes of compliance with the per-home expenditure limit in 10 CFR Part 440.18. Each dwelling unit must receive a new energy audit which takes into account any previous energy conservation improvements to the dwelling. (3-29-10)

   d. Cosmetic items as defined in Section 010 of these rules. (5-8-09)

16. **Additional Funds.** Additional funds for administration, tools, and transportation of materials, work crews, and equipment to work sites can be allocated by the Department on the basis of need and availability. (5-8-09)
201. LOW-COST OR NO-COST WEATHERIZATION ACTIVITIES.

01. Low or No Cost Weatherization Activities. An eligible dwelling unit may be weatherized without regard to the limitations contained in 10 CFR Part 440.18 (e)(2) or Section 440.21(b) from funds designated by the grantee for carrying out low-cost or no-cost weatherization activities provided.

  a. Inexpensive weatherization materials are used, such as water flow controllers, furnace or cooling filters, or items which are primarily directed toward reducing infiltration, including weatherstripping, caulking, glass patching, and insulation for plugging; and

  b. No labor paid with funds provided under 10 CFR Part 440 is used to install weatherization materials referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

02. Maximum Amount for Low or No Cost Weatherization Activities. A maximum of ten percent (10%) of the amount allocated to a subgrantee, not to exceed fifty dollars ($50) in materials costs per dwelling unit, may be expended to carry out low-cost or no-cost weatherization activities, unless the DOE Regional Representative approves a higher expenditure per dwelling unit.

202. -- 299. (RESERVED)

300. WEATHERIZATION MATERIALS STANDARDS AND ENERGY AUDIT PROCEDURES.

01. Approved Weatherization Materials. Only weatherization materials which meet or exceed standards prescribed in Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 440 may be purchased. However, unlisted materials may be approved by the state upon application from any subgrantee. Such application must be made to DOE by the state.

02. Cost Effective Materials. Except for materials to eliminate health and safety hazards allowable under 10 CFR Part 440.18(c)(15), each individual weatherization material and package of weatherization materials installed in an eligible dwelling unit must be cost-effective.

03. Energy Audit. The energy audit procedures must assign priorities among individual weatherization materials in descending order of their cost-effectiveness according to 10 CFR Part 440.

301. -- 499. (RESERVED)

500. OVERSIGHT, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

01. Audit Frequency. The Department will ensure that audits by or on the behalf of subgrantees are conducted according to DOE requirements.

02. Monitoring. The Department, as grantee for the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Grants, will monitor and evaluate the operation of projects carried out by the subgrantees through on-site inspections and other means to insure the effective provision of weatherization assistance in a nondiscriminatory manner for dwelling units of low-income residents of the State of Idaho.

501. -- 999. (RESERVED)
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