

COVID-19 Production Update for ODOC Weatherization Programs

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To: All ODOC Agency Weatherization Program Service Providers - Executive Directors, Weatherization Program Managers

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Regulations: [2 CFR § 200.431 - Compensation - fringe benefits](#); [CAA Manual Requirement 310](#); [Oklahoma Governor's Executive Order](#)

Purpose: To provide a second update to weatherization Subgrantee Recipients regarding program requirements for Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program 2019/2020 and Oklahoma Department of Human Services Low Income Housing and Energy Assistance Program 2019 during the COVID – 19 pandemic.

Implementation Date: Effective March 26, 2020 until further notice

Regulatory Background

On March 24, 2020, the Office of the Oklahoma Governor issued an amended and updated [Executive Order](#) regarding Oklahoma's ongoing state of emergency as [COVID-19](#) continues to be a public health threat in the state. Furthermore, on March 25, 2020, DOE also issued a [memorandum](#) on [COVID-19](#) that lists frequently asked questions regarding its potential impact on weatherization requirements.

Program Guidance

1. **Effective March 26, 2020, all weatherization work and production within client homes must cease until further notice for both DHS LIHEAP and DOE WAP ODOC weatherization grants.**
2. **COVID-19 deferrals must be kept track of and be prioritized upon ODOC notification that production can resume.**
3. ODOC is working with our DOE Project Officer and our DHS LIHEAP WX office on different solutions to the ongoing concerns regarding ACPU, production numbers, continued payment of staff salaries, and remote work that

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can be done by weatherization staff in this interim period. See [ODOC WPN 19-8](#) for some guidance we have already provided. It is ODOC's intention to extend all Subgrantee Recipients' 2019 contracts for a period of time, and/or take other actions which will allow for extended time to meet production goals.

4. ODOC's Senior Energy Program Manager will be hosting a webinar with the network very soon to address questions and concerns. Please stay tuned for an email.
5. Any questions regarding this ODOC WPN should be sent to the Senior Energy Programs Manager – Amanda.Marcott-Thottunkal@okcommerce.gov.