

**MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 615 of 2012**

\*\*\*\*\* 400.1232 THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2016: See 400.1236  
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**400.1232 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Crisis" means 1 of the following:

(i) An individual or recipient has received a past due notice on an energy bill for his or her household.

(ii) A residential fuel tank is estimated to contain not more than 25% of its heating fuel capacity.

(iii) A stated need for deliverable fuel or a nontraditional fuel source in which there is no meter or regular energy bill provided.

(iv) A notice that the balance in a prepayment account is below a minimum amount.

(b) "Department" means the department of human services.

(c) "Eligible low-income household" means a household with a household income of not more than 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

(d) "Energy assistance" means a program to assist eligible low-income households in meeting their home energy costs for their primary residence through payment or partial payment of bills for 1 or more of the following:

(i) Electricity.

(ii) Natural gas.

(iii) Propane.

(iv) Heating oil.

(v) Any other deliverable fuel used to provide heat.

(e) "Federal poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines published annually in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services under its authority to revise the poverty line under section 673(2) of subtitle B of title VI of the omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1981, 42 USC 9902.

(f) "Funds" means a portion of the money received from the federal low income home energy assistance program block grant that is not used for the home heating credit, money received from the low-income energy assistance fund, or any other money appropriated for this program.

(g) "Program" means the Michigan energy assistance program established in section 3.

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