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**RE: APPLICATION FOR THE MARYLAND ENERGY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (MEAP) AND THE ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE
PROGRAM (EUSP)**

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: MEAP AND EUSP

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS

On July 1, 2004 the Community Services Administration, Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) began its new program year. Eligible families across Maryland may now apply for energy related programs and services.

MEAP provides heating assistance grants to fuel suppliers and utility companies on behalf of eligible applicants. EUSP provides assistance with electric bills. The EUSP will also assist a household in paying some past due electric bills. In certain instances both MEAP and EUSP can assist customers in weatherizing their home (e.g., insulation, furnace repair, window replacement, etc.).

The OHEP state office wishes to strongly encourage our partners within the local departments and other community agencies across the state to refer their customers to the local OHEP office. For your convenience, a list of the local OHEP office telephone numbers is attached. As an additional reference for your use, the 'Income Eligibility Standards' for fiscal year 2005 is likewise attached.

The OHEP state office strongly encourages customer referrals to our local offices. MEAP and EUSP are both valuable programs which can greatly assist Maryland's most vulnerable populations in maintaining their independence and self-sufficiency.

The OHEP state office is always available to answer any policy or procedural questions that may arise and can be reached by calling (800) 352-1446.

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