



VA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Information Notice 02-2014

TO: ALL WEATHERIZATION SUBGRANTEES

FROM: NANCY PALMER, HOUSING PROGRAMS MANAGER

DATE: 06/13/2014

SUBJECT: ROOF REPLACEMENT WITH LIHEAP FUNDS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE

Effective IMMEDIATELY

Virginia's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Program was recently monitored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Weatherization funded with the 15% LIHEAP setaside from (DSS) was included in the review.

WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HHS THAT WE CAN **NO LONGER ALLOW ROOF REPLACEMENT WITH LIHEAP FUNDS**. HHS General Counsel is of the opinion that roof replacement does not meet the definition of a low cost weatherization measures allowed under LIHEAP. Therefore, effective immediately:

- **If you have physically started work on a weatherization job that includes a roof replacement, you may finish it.**
- **If a job has been audited, but not started, you may NOT replace the roof with LIHEAP funds. HHS's opinion did not address audited jobs and the time lag between audit and completion of the measures. Until HHS decides this issue, audited jobs may not move forward with roof replacement.**

Roof repairs are not affected by this notice.

We will inform you if there are further changes to this policy.