

427—11.7(216A) Affordable heating payment. A household's affordable heating payment shall be determined by making the following calculation:

11.7(1) Calculating the household's annual allowable heating expense. Annual allowable heating expense is an amount determined by applying the standard percentage to the household's annual adjusted income. The standard percentage shall be 10 percent for a one-person household, 9 percent for a household of two persons, 8 percent for a household of three persons, 7 percent for a household of four persons, 6 percent for a household of five persons, 5 percent for a household of six or more persons.

11.7(2) The household shall be eligible for an annual affordable heating payment in the amount by which the adjusted heating cost exceeds the annual affordable heating expense. The local administering agency shall provide for payment of this amount to the primary heating fuel provider in the manner specified in the vendor agreement for credit to the participant's heating account for the year in which affordable heating program eligibility has been established. Those eligible participants whose heating costs are an undesignated portion of rent shall receive the payment directly.

11.7(3) A monthly level payment plan shall be established for the household based on the household's allowable heating expense, provided that the household's minimum monthly payment required for participation in the program shall be \$10.

11.7(4) Reconciliation of monthly level payment plans shall occur as prescribed in the rules of the Iowa utilities board or, at a minimum, annually for unregulated heating fuel providers.

11.7(5) All energy suppliers will provide the local administering agency copies of notice of delinquency or anticipated budget billing adjustment.