

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES*

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

| PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD | 60% SMI |
|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 | \$30,588 |
| 2 | \$40,000 |
| 3 | \$49,411 |
| 4 | \$58,823 |
| 5 | \$68,234 |
| 6 | \$77,646 |
| 7 | \$79,411 |
| 8 | \$81,175 |

Please refer to the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) Benefits Matrix for income ranges for households with 9-or-more individuals.

^{*}These figures are based on the FY 2024 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines published in the *Federal Register* on January 17, 2024.

Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program - Application

| Section One: Applicant (Aged 6 | 0 and old | er) Informatio | n | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Name: (First, M, Last) | | □ EHEAP □ He | ating Season □ Co | oling Season | |
| | _ | | | | |
| Date of birth: | Age: | SSN: | Γ | | |
| Service address: | | | City: | | Date Stamp |
| Florida County: | Zip Code: | T | Phone: | | Intake worker's name: |
| Gender: □ Male □ Female | | Number of peop | ole in the household | d: | |
| Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Partnered | □ Single | □ Separated □ | Divorced □ Wid | owed | Phone: |
| Race: ☐ White ☐ Black/African American | า □ Asian □ | Native Hawaiian | /Pacific Islander □ | American India | n/Alaska Native □ Other |
| Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Other | | Primary Langua | age: □ English □ | Spanish □ Othe | er |
| Does client have limited ability reading, w | riting, speakir | ng, or understand | ing the English lang | guage? □ Yes | □ No |
| Is the client a veteran? ☐ Yes ☐ No | | Was client refer | red to the local Vet | eran's Affairs of | fice? □ Yes □ No □ N/A |
| Applicant's income type(s): | | | Applicant's | monthly income | e amount: |
| Section Two: Additional House | hold Memb | oers Informat | ion | | |
| Name: | | Income type(s): | | | |
| | Age: | SSN: | | Monthly incom | ne amount: |
| Name: | | Income type(s): | | | |
| | Age: | SSN: | | Monthly incom | ne amount: |
| Name: | | Income type(s): | | | |
| | Age: | SSN: | | Monthly incom | ne amount: |
| Name: | | Income type(s): | | | |
| | Age: | SSN: | | Monthly incom | ne amount: |
| Section Three: Household Char | _ | S | | | |
| Is there a child 5 years of age or younger | in the housel | nold? □ Yes □ I | No | | |
| If Yes, select all that applies: ☐ 0-2 years | old □ 3-5 | years old | | | |
| Is there an individual with a disability in th | | | | | |
| Is the applicant a U.S. citizen or an alien I | • | ted for permanen | t residence? Yes | s □ No | |
| Is the applicant a homeowner? ☐ Yes ☐ | | | | | |
| Does applicant live in government subsiding If yes, provide the complex name: | - | | 8? □ Yes □ No | | |
| If yes, does the household receive an ene | | | | | |
| Does applicant live in a student dormitory | , adult family | care home, or an | y kind of group livin | g facility? □ Ye | es 🗆 No |
| If yes, provide the facility name: | | | | | |
| Section Four: Heating and Coo | ling Inform | nation | | | |
| Have you or any member of your househo | | | | | |
| If yes, provide the name of Agency: Type of Assistance: □ Crisis □ Home | Energy □ V | Veather-Related | Date: | | |
| What is the primary source of home heati | | | | | |
| Does household use supplemental heatin | | · · · · · · | | <u> </u> | ·- |
| Air conditioning unit type? □ Central A/C | | | | y (including eva | porative cooler) |
| Section Five: Energy Crisis Ex | | | tation and Sigr | | , |
| ☐ Home cooling or heating energy source | | The information | provided on this a | oplication, is to t | he best of my knowledge, |
| disconnected. (Life-Threatening) | | | | | oviding assistance will be and greatest need, i.e. those |
| ☐ Unable to get delivery of fuel, is out of the danger of being out of fuel for heating. (Li | | households in v | vhich the elderly, di | sabled, medical | ly needy, or children reside. I |
| Threatening) | | I am aware that | after I have provid | ed all the inform | rectly to my energy supplier. ation requested to determine |
| ☐ Other problems with lack of cooling or l | | | | | the agency has 18 hours to m also aware that if I am not |
| the home, such as needing to pay a depo equipment, or interim emergency measure | | approved or de | nied within the time | allowed, or not | approved for the correct |
| further crisis. (Life-Threatening) | | witnesses are r | | e uecision. (II y | ou sign with an "X" two |
| ☐ Notified that the energy source for cool heating is going to be disconnected. (Star | | | | | |
| ☐ Received a notice indicating the energy | | Client Signature: | | | |
| is delinquent or past due. (Standard) | | | | | |
| ☐ Has an energy source bill for which the has lapsed. (Standard) | due date | Date: | | | |

ALL CLIENTS SHOULD SIGN THE WAIVER, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF GENERAL AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR LIHEAP/EHEAP FEDERAL REPORTING.

*Your Social Security Number (SSN) is confidential under law. We may not collect your SSN unless we explain the reason for collecting your SSN in writing and provide the applicable statutory authority for doing so. Certain provisions of Chapter 430, Florida Statutes, read with Section 119.071(5), Florida Statutes, specifically authorize the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) and its designated staff/employees to collect SSNs when authorized by law or when collection of SSNs is imperative to the performance of DOEA's statutorily assigned duties. The Department is collecting your social security number as part of its responsibility to provide Emergency Home Energy Assistance.

| Emergency Ho | ome Ener | gy Assi | stance | for the Elde | rly Pr | ogra | am - Eli | gibility Wo | rksheet |
|--|---|--|----------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Section Six: Income | Eligibility | Determi | nation | | | | | | |
| Annualize all household inco | ome. | | | tape here showir | | State Median Income (SMI) Guidelines | | | |
| Add all gross monthly e unearned income from days of all household m | the past 30 | income calculations or write calc in this space. | | | | 100% | t the annual | income limit by ome Value (MIV) 30,588 | household size: 50% of MIV |
| Add Medicare Premium if not included in SSA a | (\$148.50), | | | | | [| □ 2\$ ² □ 3\$ ⁴ | 10,000 | \$ 20,000 \$ 24,706 |
| 3. Add Medicare Part D, if | applicable. | | | | | [| □ 4\$5 | 58,823 | \$ 29,411 |
| To annualize, multiply total by 12 months. | | | | | | [| □ 5\$6 □ 6\$7 | 77,646 | \$ 34,117 \$ 38,823 |
| Annual Household Income | | | | | | | \$ 39,705 \$ 40,588 | | |
| \$ | | | | | | Benef | | r income ranges | for households with |
| ☐ Categorically Eligible | chart above |), and no one | e in the hous | e is less than 50% o sehold is receiving ses (i.e., food, shelt | SNAP as | ssistar | nce, the app | licant must prov | ide a signed |
| Section Seven: Vend | or, Benefi | t, and Ve | erificatio | on Informatio | n | | | | |
| Energy Vendor #1 Name: | | Other Ven Name: | <u>idor #1</u> | | | р | revious cris | is assistance. | provider to verify |
| Account Number: | | Account/Vo | oucher | Date: | | | | son: act: | |
| Minimum Amount Due: | | | ue: | | | а | | licant received L luring the current | |
| Verification and Commitment | | □ Blanket | | ☐ Repair Existing | | - | _ 1C31 | 1 0 | |
| Contact Demoni | | □ Portable | | or Cooling Equipr ☐ Emergency Sh | | | | | ue is more than the |
| Contact Person: Date: | | ☐ Space H☐ Window | | □ Other | | past due amount, did the verify that this amount i | | | |
| Energy Vendor #2 Name: | | Other Ven | dor #2 | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A | | A |
| Account Number: | | Account/Vo | oucher | Date: | | 1 | If the minimum amount due to resolve the | | ue to resolve the |
| Minimum Amount Due: | | Amount Du | ue: | • | | crisis is more than the maximum allowed explain how the balance of the amount | | eximum allowed, of the amount due | |
| Verification and Commitment | | ☐ Blanket ☐ Repair Existing Heator Cooling Equipment | | | will be paid if approved for EHEAP cris | | r eheap crisis | | |
| Contact Person: | | □ Space H | | □ Emergency Sh□ Other | elter | - | | | |
| Date: | | □ Window | | - | F . | | | | |
| (1) Total Energy Vendors | \$ \$ | | (4) Total | Other Vendors | \$ | Is the name on the fuel bi of the applicants? | | | |
| (2) Energy Subsidy (3) Water, Sewer, Garbage, | | | Total E | HEAP Benefit Add | | | | | No |
| Fire, etc. | \$ | | | ergy Vendor (4) | \$ | | | If no, provide name on bill: | name on bill: |
| (4) Deduct (2&3) from (1) | \$ | | | Other Vendor (4) | | | | | |
| Section Eight: Weath | | | | <u> </u> | | | | | |
| If the applicant is a homeow ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A | ner, has he/s | she receive | d more tha | an three LIHEAP | or EHE | AP be | enefits in th | ne last 18 mon | ihs? |
| If the answer to the previous | s guestion is | "ves", was i | the applica | ant referred to WA | \P? □ | Yes | П № Г | 1 N/A | |
| If the answer to the last que | | - | | | <u></u> | | | | |
| Section Nine: Resolu | | | | | | | | | |
| Resolution of the Heating/C | | | curred with | in 18/48 hours, b | v the fo | llowin | ıg eligible a | action(s): (Sele | ect all that apply) |
| ☐ Approval of application | | , - | | | ☐ EHEAP benefit prevented disconnection | | | | |
| □ Commitment made to vendor | | | | □ EHEAP benefit restored energy already disconnected | | | | nnected | |
| ☐ Denial of Application, pending additional information | | | | ☐ Yes, client signed waiver | | | | | |
| ☐ Denial of Application, ineligible | | | | □ No, client refused to sign waiver | | | | | |
| ☐ Written referral and ass | sistance to a | ccess other | communit | y resources | | | | | |
| Case Worker Signatu | | | | Approval | Signa | ature | е | | |
| I have determined the eligibili | determined the eligibility of the applicant. I am not the annot not a friend, relative, or employee of the applicant. | | | appropriate fi | le docun | nēntat | ion prior to i | making payment | viewed for errors and . I have reviewed |
| Case Worker's Name: | | | | | and approved this application for crisis assistance. Supervisor/Peer's Name: | | | | |
| Case Worker's Signature: | | | | Supervisor/Pe | Supervisor/Peer's Signature: | | | | |
| Date: | | | | Date: | | | | | |
| Agency Name: | | | Agency Name | Agency Name: | | | | | |



CLIENT SIGN IN FORMS

(required every time client is seen)

| DAY | DATE | TIME | NAME | SIGNATURE |
|-------------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
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| Client Name: | |
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| Commitment Date: _ | |
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CHECKLIST FOR EHEAP APPLICATION



EHEAP Narrative

| Case Worker Signature | |
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| Case Worker Signature | Dute |





Authorization for Release of General and/or Confidential Information For LIHEAP/EHEAP Federal Reporting

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Program Office is requesting that you authorize your utility service provider to disclose the following information to the LIHEAP office to which you are applying for assistance:

- Your utility account status and history, such as payment history, past due amounts, deposits, current shut-off due dates or disconnection, current life support status, payment arrangements, and history of energy assistance payments.
- Your total annual energy usage and charges for up to twelve months.

The Florida LIHEAP office and its contractors will use this information to develop LIHEAP program performance measures and meet Federal reporting requirements.

Please note that:

- You have a right to receive a copy of this form.
- You are not required to authorize your utility service provider to disclose your customer data.
- Your decision not to authorize the disclosure will not affect your utility services or any LIHEAP assistance you may be eligible for.
- Your utility service provider may not disclose your customer data unless you authorize the disclosure to the LIHEAP office, DEO, or as otherwise permitted or required by laws or regulations.
- Your utility service provider will have no control over the data disclosed pursuant to this consent, and will not be responsible for monitoring or taking any steps to ensure that the Florida LIHEAP office maintains the confidentiality of the data or uses the data as authorized by you.
- The Florida LIHEAP office will not disclose any private applicant information except for the purpose of administering public assistance as defined by State and Federal laws and regulations and developing LIHEAP program performance measures.

| ACCOUNT HOLDER (CUSTOMER NAME): | |
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| (************************************** | |
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| SERVICE ADDRESS FOR UTILITY: | |
| | |
| NAME OF UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDER: | |
| | |
| UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER: | |
| | |
| PHONE NUMBER FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT: | |

SECTION A: APPLICANT READS AND COMPLETES THIS SECTION ONLY IF HE/SHE IS THE ACCOUNT HOLDER

I hereby authorize the above named utility and this agency to disclose pertinent information regarding my account to agencies that may provide me financial assistance, including the Florida LIHEAP Office. I understand that the purpose of this disclosure is solely for federal reporting purposes and does not determine my eligibility for assistance. I further understand that some of the information the above named utility may provide to this agency may be considered confidential. I also understand that the above named utility does not and will not have control over any account information provided to agencies pursuant to this Authorization, and I will hold the utility harmless for any claim related to the account information provided. All information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The agency may verify information contained in the payment assistance application, including the utility account for which I am seeking assistance.

| ACCOUNT HOLDER'S SIGNATURE: | DATE: |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
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SECTION B: APPLICANT READS AND COMPLETES THIS SECTION ONLY IF HE/SHE IS NOT THE ACCOUNT HOLDER

As applicant for payment assistance for the above named utility account, I hereby confirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am an Authorized Representative on behalf of the Account Holder and I have authority to initiate this assistance application on his/her behalf. This may be confirmed at the agency's discretion, by contacting the Account Holder. I, and the Account Holder, understand that the purpose of this disclosure is solely for federal reporting purposes and does not determine my eligibility. I further understand that some of the information the above named utility may provide to this agency may be considered confidential. I also understand that the above named utility does not and will not have control over any account information provided to agencies pursuant to this Authorization, and I will hold the utility harmless for any claim related to the account information provided. All information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The agency may verify information contained in the payment assistance application, including the utility account for which I am seeking assistance.

| payment assistance application, including the utility account for which I am seeking assistance. |
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| APPLICANT'S NAME (NOT ACCOUNT HOLDER): |
| APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMBER: |
| APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: DATE: |
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| SECTION C: FOR AGENCY USE ONLY |
| Agency must maintain this form in the Applicant's file and make it available to the utility vendor of record upon |
| request, for accounting and auditing purposes. |
| AGENCY NAME: Collier County Community & Human Services |
| PHONE: |
| AGENCY CASEWORKER'S NAME: |
| AGENCY CASEWORKER'S SIGNATURE: |
| DATE: |



EMERGENCY HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EHEAP) NOTICE REGARDING COLLECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The following disclosure is being made pursuant to section 119.071(5), Florida Statutes.

Social Security numbers of applicants and household members are requested because this information has been determined to be imperative for the performance of the duties and responsibilities prescribed by law under the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program. This information is not, required by state or federal law; however, Social Security numbers are necessary to determine eligibility for program services and specifically for the following purposes:

- 1. To verify an applicant's identity.
- 2. To verify household size.
- 3. To verify household income.

| A Social Security number collected pursuant to this | notice can only be used by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, |
|---|---|
| the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, an | d |
| Collier County Community & Human Services | _ for the purposes specified above. |

(Provider)

Nondisclosure except under limited circumstances. Social security numbers will not be disclosed to others unless required or authorized by Florida law. Section 119.071(5), Florida Statutes, allows disclosure of a person's Social Security number under the following specific, limited circumstances:

- If disclosure is expressly required by federal or Florida law *or* is necessary *for* the agency or governmental entity to perform its duties and responsibilities;
- If the individual expressly consents to disclosure in writing
- If disclosure is made to prevent and combat terrorism pursuant to the U.S. Patriot Act of 2001 or Presidential Executive Order 13224 (blocking property and prohibiting business transactions with persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism);
- For an agency employee and dependents, if disclosure is necessary to administer the person's health benefits *or* pension plan funds; or
- If disclosure is for the purpose of the administration of the Uniform Commercial Code by the office of the Secretary of State.
- If disclosure is requested by a commercial entity for permissible uses under the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, or the federal Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999 (for example, to verify the accuracy of personal information provided by the individual to the commercial entity; use by an insurer in connection with claims investigation or antifraud activities; for use in connection with a credit transaction).

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice

| confirm that I have been provided a copy of this notice regarding the collection of my Social Security number and |
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| the Social Security numbers of all household occupants as part of the application process for the Emergency Home |
| Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program. |
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| Signature | Date | |
|-----------|----------|--|



SELF-DECLARATION OF INCOME STATEMENT

| I attest that the income information provided in this best of my knowledge. | s document is accurate and tr | rue to the |
|---|---|------------|
| I,, declare that I unearned income. | (do/do not) receive earned a | and/or |
| (Name of Household Member) My individual income is a total of \$ | per month. | |
| Signature of Household member or Parent of Minor | | Date |
| I attest that the income information provided in this best of my knowledge. | s document is accurate and tr | rue to the |
| I,, declare that I unearned income. (Name of Household Member) | (do/do not) receive earned a | and/or |
| My individual income is a total of \$ | per month. | |
| Signature of Household member or Parent of Minor | · | Date |
| I attest that the income information provided in this best of my knowledge. I,, declare that I | s document is accurate and tr (do/do not) receive earned a | |
| unearned income. (Name of Household Member) | | |



STATEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE

(If household income is less than 50% of the Federal Poverty Level, client must explain how food, shelter, clothing, transportation and home utilities are purchased.)

| How do you purchas | se: | | |
|---------------------|--------|--|--|
| FOOD: | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| SHELTER (Rent, Mort | gage): | | |
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| | | | |
| CLOTHING: | | | |
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| TRANSPORTATION: | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| UTILITIES: | | | |

EHEAP CLIENT FILE CONTENT CHECKLIST

| ELDI | ER'S NAME | NAME PSA# AGENCY | | | APPROVAL DENIAL | | |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|----------|--|
| NAME OF WORKER APPLICATION DATE CRISIS RESOLUTION D | | | ATE (| | CHECK DATE | | |
| PRO | GRAM REQUIREMENTS MO | | Yes | No | N/A | COMMENTS | |
| 1. | Individual client file for the elde | r includes consumer's name, address, sex, | and age. | | | | |
| 2. | Household contains a member 60 | 0 or older. | | | | | |
| 3. | The household is in the Florida o | county covered by the contract. | | | | | |
| 4. | All household members are lister | d and their name, age, DOB, and income(| s) are included. | | | | |
| 5. | Client file contains documentation to the applicable exemption. | on of Social Security numbers for all hous | ehold members, or citation | | | | |
| 6. | Client file contains signed notice | e regarding collection of Social Security n | umber(s). | | | | |
| 7. | The client file contains official in SNAP documentation, if categor | ncome documents for all household membrically eligible. | pers and TANF, SSI, or | | | | |
| 8. | | re a self-declaration form signed by each i g income verification or claiming zero inc | | | | | |
| 9. | below 60% of the State Median | me with 1-8 individuals' incomes is calcu Income. For households with 9-or-more in Benefits Matrix, or the household is detern | ndividuals, please refer to | | | | |
| 10. | Statement of how basic living expenses (i.e., food, shelter and transportation) are being provided if | | | | | | |
| 11. | Checked that elder does not live in student dormitory, adult family care home, or any kind of group | | | | | | |
| 12. | Verified and documented housely heating or cooling season. | nold has not received LIHEAP Crisis Assi | stance during the same | | | | |
| 13. | Documentation of Weatherization | on Assistance Program (WAP) referral, if a | applicable. | | | | |
| 14. | Copies of fuel bills, or other supply which they reside. | porting documentation as proof of energy | crisis, for the residence in | | | | |
| 15. | Signed copy of Authorization for | r Release of General and/or Confidential I | nformation. | | | | |
| 16. | Only eligible components of the | utility bill are paid to resolve the crisis. | | | | | |
| 17. | Only the minimum necessary to utility company, provide addition | resolve the crisis is paid. If a different am nal information on the Eligibility Worksho | nount is required by the eet. | | | | |
| 18. | Crisis energy benefit was reduced by unallowable charges, such as: water, sewer, garbage, and fire, etc., if applicable. | | | | | | |
| 19. | Crisis energy benefit was reduced by energy subsidy, if applicable. | | | | | | |
| 20. | Energy crisis resolved within 18 or 48 hours by an eligible action. | | | | | | |
| 21. | Written notice of approval or denial for services that includes appeal procedures is issued within 15 working days of eligibility determination. | | | | | | |
| 22. | Appropriate benefit provided. | | | | | | |
| 23. | All required sections of the appli PRIOR to payment. | ication are signed and dated by the elder, s | staff, and supervisory/peer | | | | |
| 24. | Proof of payment to vendor. | | | | | | |
| 25. | Place completed DOEA Form 21 | 11 in client file. | | | | | |
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INSTRUCTIONS: A check mark in the <u>Yes</u> column indicates the requirement has been met. A check mark in the <u>No</u> column indicates the requirement has not been met or is questionable. Each "No" mark must be explained under "COMMENTS".



EMERGENCY HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY (EHEAP)

Your application for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP) has been approved. The utility vendor(s) should receive payment in approximately three weeks. You will receive utility assistance for the following:

| Customer Name | Customer Account | Energy | Authorized | |
|---------------|------------------|----------|------------|--|
| | Number | Provider | Amount | |
| | | | | |

EHEAP funding is approved on a yearly basis and the amount received at the local level may fluctuate. This program is jointly sponsored by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc.

| \mathbf{p}_{1} | ease contact | this | office at | + 230_ | 252-227 | 3 if you | have questions |
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Sincerely,

Case Manager, Services for Seniors Collier County Community & Human Services

CC: Utility Vendor and Area Agency on Aging for SWFL, Inc.

