

Alignment of Age Designations Across Weatherization Assistance Program Grants

ODOC Weatherization Program Notice 26-11

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To: All ODOC Subgrantee Weatherization Program Service Providers - Executive Directors and Weatherization Program Managers

Regulations:

[OK Weatherization Operations Manual Requirements 28](#)¹

Purpose:

To align the definitions of “elderly” and “child” across the weatherization grants to better serve Oklahomans.

Implementation Date:

Effective September 1, 2026. This guidance will remain in effect until further notice from ODOC.

Definitions of Grants:

Three grants fund the Weatherization Assistance Program at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC), listed below with their abbreviations:

- DHS LIHEAP: Department of Human Services Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- DOE Annual: Department of Energy’s Annual Weatherization Assistance Grant
- BIL/IJA: Originally the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, now called the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Alignment of Ages for “Elderly” and “Child”:

Previously, ODOC defined “elderly” and “child” as prescribed by each Weatherization Grant. The regulations define “child” as “five (5) and under” within the DHS LIHEAP grant. Because ODOC does not have the authority to alter mandates defined by DHS, this definition will remain for the DHS LIHEAP grant only.

¹ <https://www.okcommerce.gov/wp-content/uploads/Weatherization-Operations-Manual.pdf>

Regarding the definition of “child” in the DOE Annual grant, the definition was increased from “twelve (12) and under” to “eighteen (18) and under.” Under the BIL/IIJA grant, the definition of “child” was previously defined as “under nineteen (19).” For clarity and consistency, the language will be revised to match the DOE Annual grant: “eighteen (18) and under.”

The following changes were made to the definition of “elderly” within the BIL/IIJA grant; the current “sixty-five (65) and over definition will be reduced to “sixty (60) and over” to align with the other Weatherization Grants.

Table denoting changes:

Changes to the definition of “child” and “elderly” for each grant	DHS/LIHEAP	DOE Annual	BIL/IIJA
Change: Elderly	60+ (No change)	60+ (No change)	Change to 60+ (previously 65+)
Change: Child	5 and under (No Change)	Change to “18 and under”	Change to “18 and under” (instead of under 19)

Once these changes go into effect, they will apply only to applications moving forward.

If you have any questions about this Oklahoma Weatherization Program Notice (OWPN), please contact your Energy Programs Specialist.