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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED CARE PROVIDERS**

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SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes a provision for increased funding for Community Action Agencies for the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The eligibility for this program has been increased to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Division is making your agency aware of this provision in case your staff receives inquiries from consumers.

For people with low incomes, the decision to pay the utility bill may mean deciding between being warm in the winter or having well-balanced meals. Other low-income people live in older homes that may not have insulation or efficient heating systems. Weatherization is a long-term response to these problems. Lasting energy-efficient improvements are installed in the home, resulting in lower utility bills year after year. Entities involved in the weatherization program can also ensure that a home is safe and free from dangerous hazards, such as open wires and objects over which individuals can trip.

To apply for weatherization assistance, individuals should be referred to the Community Action Agency for their county of residence. To determine the appropriate Agency, an individual can review the information provided at: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/weatherization/wxmap.htm>.

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