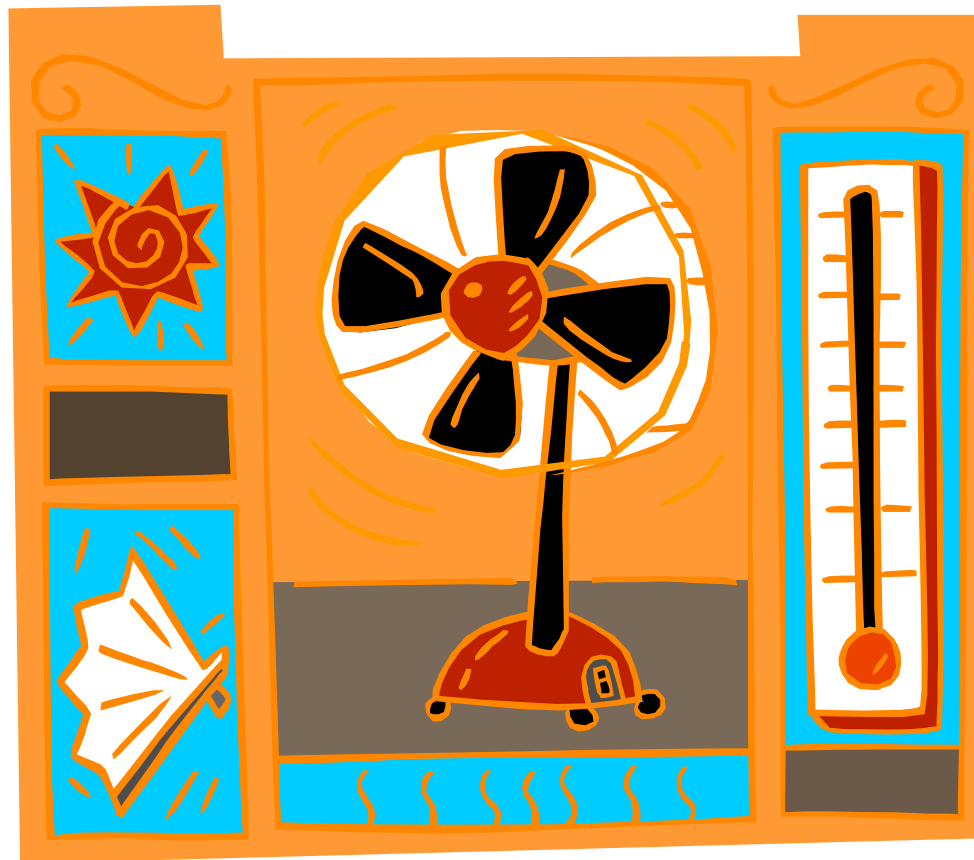


Nebraska – Cooling Assistance Program



Guidelines for Cooling Assistance

The same income and resource guidelines as the heating program.

Household must have someone age 70 or older in the home or someone must meet specific medical criteria.

Forms to Verify Medical Need

Nebraska will send to forms to the physician to Verify the medical need for cooling assistance.

The DM-5 is a Physicians Confidential Report which gives pertinent medical criteria

The IM-55 lists automatic eligibility medical criteria and other medical criteria for the person applying for cooling

Types of Medical Criteria

1. Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke suffered in the past
2. Diabetes treated with daily insulin or medication
3. Stroke victim or at risk for a stroke
4. Seizures caused by heat or treated with daily meds
5. Cancer – terminally ill or chemo or radiation treatment
6. Chronic cardiovascular disease
7. Hypertension with previous organ damage

Types of Medical Criteria - 2

8. Chronic Severe Respiratory Diseases
9. Severe Handicap including emphysema, COPD, severe chronic or recurrent asthma, or permanent tracheostomy
10. Mental illness that can be aggravated by heat or on medication such as Lithium, Antiparkinson drug, Phenothiazines, Amitroptylines or Anticholinergics
11. AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex

Types of Medical Criteria - 3

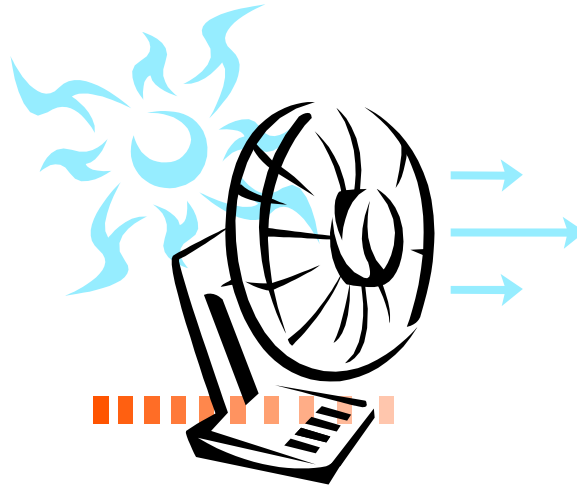
12. Newborns with monitors

13. Sickle Cell Anemia

These criteria listed allows the household to qualify automatically for cooling assistance.

Other medical criteria may qualify the household for cooling benefits but the State Review Team (group of doctors and nurses) will review the criteria and make a medical determination.

Distribution of Fans



Buy fans and distribute them statewide to both HHSS offices and churches, agencies, etc. outside of HHSS for distribution to households.

Distribution of Fans – Part 2

Agencies such as Salvation Army, YMCA, CAA's receive fans for distribution. These agencies make the determination as to who will receive the fans.

Local churches also receive fans for distribution.

Press release regarding information about the other physical needs of people than just the use of a fan.

Cooling Crisis Benefits

Only cooling households are eligible for cooling crisis benefits. This would include the cost of purchasing a window air conditioning unit or deposits.

Nebraska does run a year around crisis program so non-cooling households can be eligible to receive crisis benefits during the summer. This will help with summertime electric bills.

Nebraska's Cooling Program

Nebraska's cooling program is a very basic program.

Nebraska does run a heating program, cooling program, year around crisis program, furnace repair and replacement, and help with deposits.