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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
TO ADMINISTER LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has signed Public Law # 97-35 which included provisions for a program of benefits to low-income families to ameliorate the high cost of energy; and
- WHEREAS, the provision of such assistance, known as the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, is designed to aid those who receive payments under State Public Assistance programs such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Assistance, and other programs, together with other individuals whose income is within the limits described in relation to the poverty level; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Social Services is authorized under C.R.S. 1973, 26-1-109 and 111, to accept and supervise such public assistance programs and is experienced in the necessary administrative practices; and
- WHEREAS, it is the objective of this administration to provide assistance benefits equitably and efficiently to the various groups of eligible recipients, utilizing all available resources and avoiding duplication of benefits thereto; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the low-income segment of the Colorado population to distribute the benefits which are available under the Low Income Energy Assistance Program as expeditiously and efficiently as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby ORDER THAT:

1. The Colorado Department of Social Services is designated as the responsible agency to administer the Low Income Energy Assistance Program in accordance with applicable provisions of State and Federal laws and regulations.
2. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program shall be administered in accordance with rules promulgated by the State Board of Social Services under an application for funds approved by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services.

