

**Sec. 16a-41(b)-9. Safety-net**

(a) Subject to the availability of funds, the Department will implement a Safety-Net Program to address the needs of service recipient households who have exhausted their heat and Type II Crisis Assistance benefits and are in a life-threatening situation. The Safety-Net Program will assist service recipient households with obtaining shelter with adequate heat and, as a last resort, may authorize an emergency fuel delivery to provide heat to those households who have no other means of obtaining shelter with adequate heat.

(b) An emergency fuel delivery may be authorized for a service recipient household if it is determined that:

- (1) the household is out of fuel or will be out of fuel in less than a week;
- (2) there are no family or friends with whom to reside temporarily;
- (3) they have no one to assist with the purchase of fuel;
- (4) they have no paycheck or entitlement funds coming into the household prior to the time at which they will be out of fuel;
- (5) there is no emergency shelter within a reasonable distance which can provide temporary shelter; and
- (6) after allowing for essential living costs, the household has no liquid assets from which fuel may be purchased. The department shall not authorize an emergency fuel delivery if the household has resources due to income or liquid assets that are equal to or greater than \$150. Liquid assets shall include, but not be limited to: cash, checking accounts, savings, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts.

(c) A fuel delivery may also be authorized for a service recipient household if it is determined that there is a family member who is elderly or with an illness or disability or under two (2) years of age and would be in danger without the provision of heat.

(d) After two-thirds of the funds reserved for the Safety-Net Emergency Program are committed, or in other exigent circumstances, the Department may restrict Safety-Net eligibility to those households with a member who is seriously ill, elderly, disabled or under two (2) years of age.

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