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2900 Fuel Program (Continued)

I. June 30 through July 15

All fuel cases will be closed effective June 30. Households who want benefits from the fuel program must apply between July 15 and the last day of February.

J. Certified Fuel or Energy Suppliers

Names of fuel suppliers who have a signed PATH 148, Fuel Supplier Certification Agreement, on file with OHHFA are available in the ACCESS vendor file (VEND/D). PATH 148s are mailed to all fuel and energy suppliers, identified as serving customers in Vermont, every three years. If an applicant names a fuel or energy supplier who is not certified, the supplier will be contacted and invited to sign the PATH 148.

The certification agreement is valid for three years. At the end of that time, a supplier will be sent a new certification agreement to sign.

If an applicant's supplier does not sign the PATH 148, the applicant may request assistance in finding a certified supplier by calling the toll-free OHHFA number: 1-800-479-6151.

Fuel suppliers refused certification shall be advised in writing. Examples of fuel suppliers who would be refused certification include, but are not limited to: a fuel supplier who is a member of an applicant's household or who is the applicant's landlord and does not have a separate fuel supply business serving the applicant and other customers.

K. Expedited Fuel Application Procedures

1. Expedited Application Period

OHHFA accepts faxed requests for expedited fuel benefits from Community Action crisis fuel workers the last Monday in November through the last day of February from Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Requests will not be accepted after 3:00 p.m., weekends, or on official state holidays.