Administrative Rule Review Report – ARR12-068
Legislative Service Office
September 4, 2012

AGENCY	Department of Family Services
DATE SUBMITTED:	August 22, 2012
SUBJECT:	Chapter 1 – Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
NATURE OF RULES:	Legislative and procedural.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:	W.S. 42-2-501

DETERMINATION OF PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE BASED UPON INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES TO LSO: Apparently complete to date.

SUMMARY OF RULES: The Department of Family Services administers the Low Income Energy Assistance Program ("LIEAP") pursuant to W.S. 42-2-501. The LIEAP rules were last amended in September, 2006. These amendments are for the purpose of general cleanup and updating. In addition to organizational changes and the updating of cross-referenced terms, the amendments:

- Revise definitions of "household" and "resident;
- Allow for the pending of applications while awaiting verification of qualifying information and reassessment of applications when required verification is submitted;
- Delete provisions for benefit calculation that repeat terms of the state LIEAP plan;
- Provide for referral of suspected fraud and abuse to the DFS Fraud and Recovery Unit.

FINDINGS: The rules appear to be within the scope of statutory authority and legislative intent.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the rules be placed on the Consent List and be approved by the Council as submitted by the Agency.

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