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DSM Button-Up Weatherization Program

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Purpose

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The Button-Up Weatherization Program offers an incentive for reducing the heat loss of a home. The retail member may qualify for this incentive by improving attic insulation and by reducing the air leakage of their home or by sealing their HVAC duct system.

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Availability

This program is available in all service territories of the owner-members of EKPC.

Eligibility

This program is targeted at older single-family, multi-family or manufactured dwellings. Eligibility requirements are:

- Home must be 2-years old or older to qualify for the incentive.
- Primary source of heat must be electricity.

The Button Up incentive will promote the reduction of energy usage through air sealing on the part of retail members. Typical air sealing could include caulking, improved weather stripping, sealing attic accesses, etc. To receive this incentive either an EKPC approved contractor or owner-member representative must perform a "pre" and "post" blower door test to measure actual Btuh reduced.

The attic insulation portion of the Button Up incentive will promote the reduction of energy usage on the part of the retail member. Heat loss calculation of Btuh reduced will be made by using either the Manual J 8th Edition or through other methods approved by EKPC. Heat loss calculations in Btuh are based on the winter design temperature. In order to receive an incentive for attic insulation, an air seal must be completed.

The HVAC duct sealing portion of the Button up is a standalone measure that can be utilized to air seal HVAC duct systems located in un-heated spaces. Air sealing ducts with traditional mastic sealers is an effective way to lower energy costs.

- Limited to homes that have accessible centrally ducted heating systems in unconditioned areas.
- Initial duct leakage must be greater than 10cfm per 100ft2
- Contractor or owner-member Representative are required to conduct a "pre" and "post" blower door test to verify reductions. Only contractors trained or pre-approved by EKPC may be used.
- Duct leakage per system must be reduced to less than 8cfm per 100ft2 (Ex: Duct system serves 1200ft. 1200ft2/100= 12 x 8cfm= Duct Seal Target of 96cfm)

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All joints in the duct system must be sealed with foil tape and duct mastic. Foil tape alone does not qualify as properly sealing the duct system.

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For homes that have two or more separately ducted heat systems, each system will qualify independently for the incentive.

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Payments

The air sealing and ceiling insulation portion of the Button Up incentive will pay a total payment of \$70 per thousand Btuh reduced and the maximum rebate incentive up to \$750 (\$40 per thousand Btuh to the retail member and \$30 per thousand Btuh to the owner-member). EKPC will also pay the owner-member an administrative fee of \$230 and up to \$565 for lost margins. EKPC will pay up to a total transfer payment of \$1,545.

The HVAC duct sealing portion of the Button Up program will pay a \$400 incentive to residential members (or their contractor) that meets the eligibility requirements for duct sealing listed above. EKPC will also pay the owner-member an administrative fee of \$100 and lost margins of \$150. EKPC will pay a total transfer payment of \$650.

Term

The program is an ongoing program.

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