



Maryland

Department of
Human Services

OHEP Advisory Board

July 9, 2026

Meeting Agenda

- FY 2026 4th Quarter Data
- FY MCAP Recap
- FY 26 Legislative Session
- FY 26 Close-out
- OHEP Public Hearings
- Draft FY27 LIHEAP State Plan
- Member Updates
- Questions
- Future Meeting Dates



Year	FY 2025	FY 2026	CHANGE	% CHANGE
	7/1/24-6/30/25	7/1/25-6/30/26	2025-2026	2025-2026
Applications YTD	164,873	209,325	44,452	27%
Unduplicated Program Totals				
MEAP	161,202	207,861	46,659	29%
EUSP Bill Payment	162,729	208,577	45,848	28%
EUSP Arrearage Retirement	96,014	134,954	38,940	41%
Gas Arrearage Retirement	44,565	80,783	36,218	81%
Crisis	1,522	972	-550	-36%
Receiving Benefits YTD				
MEAP	125,956	142,194	16,238	13%
EUSP Bill Payment	127,070	143,209	16,139	13%
EUSP Arrearage Retirement	34,482	29,956	-4,526	-13%
Gas Arrearage Retirement	11,379	10,662	-717	-6%
Crisis	1,256	903	-353	-28%

MCAP Conference FY26 Recap





FY 26 Legislative Session

- HB 648- OHEP Redetermination Age
- HB 1532- Utility Relief Act
- Public Service Commission Automatic Community Solar Enrollment Study



FY 26 Close-Out

- EUSP Supplemental Benefits Issued through August 30, 2026.
- The Final Day to process new FY26 Energy Assistance Benefits was on 6/30/2026 @ 5:00pm
- Any Applicant who has newly applied for Energy Assistance in the month of June but receives a denial of benefits due to incomplete verification has 90-days to cure their application, authorized by Maryland Public Utilities Article § 7-512.1(a)(8)(2) (2025)



PROMISE Pilot Result

The Office of Home Energy Programs, in partnership with PROMISE, completed the FY26 data match initiative to identify missing utility account information for Categorically Eligible (CE) households. Of the 70,695 applications reviewed, including 40,000 within the pilot utility service area, PROMISE successfully matched 8,800 applications (22%) with the missing utility data needed for eligibility determination. More households received benefits than what they would otherwise have due to this initiative filling in the gaps for these customers.



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OHEP Public Hearing Dates

Monday, July 13 • 9:00 – 10:00 am

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kfw-vfix-bme>

Or dial: (US) +1 302-281-5360 PIN: 909 401 818#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/kfw-vfix-bme?pin=9007794300164>

Wednesday, July 15 • 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Time zone: America/New_York

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Draft FY27 LIHEAP State Plan



CMNP Navigators Needed

[Click here to see a video about the Critical Medical Needs Program \(CMNP\)](#)

[Click here to see a video about being a navigator for the Critical Medical Needs Program](#)

Interested Navigator Link here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDvRO4RWixex5aPVuvudVYiMzyEF0Jo3H4Kjei0RaHMe3DPA/viewform?usp=header>



Advisory Board Member Updates



Questions?





FY27 Dates Scheduled

October 8, 2026

January 14, 2027

April 8, 2027

