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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

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TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors

SUBJECT: WRAP Last Resort Funds Usage

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PURPOSE: This Program Instruction updates 08-PI-01 and provides you with examples of services for which WRAP Last Resort Funds (LRF) can and cannot be used. Services funded through WRAP LRF must be used exclusively for energy-related and/or energy conserving repairs and may only be used if there are no other sources of funding available. Leveraged funds, for example; a donation from a civic group that complements the WRAP LRF, may continue to be used for repairs related to health and safety reasons. The program must document that the WRAP LRF are not used for these purposes.

BACKGROUND: Weatherization activities are energy-related and reduce the amount of energy required to heat a home and provide hot water. Repairs are made to ensure minimal heat loss from a dwelling.

Examples of energy-related repairs that are allowable to be paid for with WRAP LRF include:

- Adding insulation to walls, ceilings, or attics;
- Air sealing repairs to walls and floors if heat is being lost;
- Programmable thermostats;
- Replacement or repair of basement windows;
- Replacement or repair of broken storm windows (in areas of the home that are heated);
- Replacement or repair of outside doors;
- Repair or replacement of hot water tanks, including insulation jacket;
- Repairs to the roof that prevent heat loss and protect insulation (but not complete roof replacements); and
- Weather-stripping and caulking around doors and windows.

Examples of repairs that are NOT energy-related and therefore not allowable to be paid for with WRAP LRF include:

- Asbestos removal and abatement; *
- Carbon dioxide detectors and smoke alarms;
- CFL bulb replacement;
- Chimney repairs; *
- Duct work;*
- Electrical repairs; *
- Extermination services for rodents, and other pests in the home;
- Gutter replacement; *
- Hot water tap leaks;
- Lighting;
- Oil tank repair or replacement;
- Plumbing repairs, including leaks in the drain or supply line, clogged drains, repair or wrapping of frozen pipes or problems with septic tanks and leach fields;
- Radiator Repairs; *
- Radon abatement;*
- Ramps;
- Repair/replace vinyl siding;*
- Replace rotting deck;
- Replace railings;
- Replace refrigerators;
- Replace steps;
- Shower grab bars;
- Skirting on trailers;*
- Structural integrity issues;* and,
- Treating biological conditions (e.g. mold, odors, viruses, bacteria, rotting wood, and raw sewage).*

** These repairs have limited circumstances under which they may be approved as an energy-related need. Please contact NYSOFA for further explanations.*

Furnace cleaning, repair or replacement, although an energy-related expense, must be referred to your LDSS furnace and repair program. WRAP LRF cannot be used for these purposes.

If you have any questions regarding other types of repairs please contact Tim Kovarik at (518) 474-7252 or T_Kovarik@ofa.state.ny.us

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