



## COLORADO MEDICAL EXEMPTION PROGRAM (CMEP)

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Black Hills provides a lower electricity rate for income-qualified residential customers with medical conditions that require high electric use and/or use essential medical equipment in their homes.

### Information about the Colorado Medical Exemption Program (CMEP)

The Colorado Medical Exemption Program (CMEP) is designed to lower electric bills for residential customers who meet specific medical and income qualifications. The CMEP program is overseen and administered by the Chronic Care Collaborative, an independent non-profit organization.

### Who can participate?

Black Hills Energy customers may participate if they have medical conditions that require high electric use and/or use essential medical equipment in their homes and have a household income of 400 percent or less of federal poverty guidelines.

### What types of home medical equipment qualify for the program?

In addition to essential medical equipment in the home, qualifying equipment may include home dialysis, oxygen, CPAP machines and electric wheelchairs.

### What are the income requirements for the program?

Customers may qualify with a household income of 400 percent or less of annual federal poverty guidelines.

Household Size	2023 Income Limit
1	60,240
2	81,760
3	103,280
4	124,800
5	146,320
6	167,840
7	189,360
8	210,880
9	232,400
10	253,920
11	275,440
12	296,960
13	318,480
14	340,000



### **How much energy must I use each month to qualify for the program?**

There are no specific energy usage requirements to be eligible for this program after the medical and income qualifications have been met. However, the CMEP program saves money for those customers who use, on average, over 785 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month. Customers need 12 months of consecutive billing history with Black Hills Energy to establish whether the average usage is 785 kilowatt-hours or higher. Customers with lower monthly energy use will remain on the regular residential rate as this is the lower cost option.

### **If I am enrolled in the CMEP, how much will I pay for electricity?**

Customers enrolled in the CMEP will pay a flat rate for electricity. The rate is \$.11094 per kilowatt-hour of electricity used and will be in effect all year-round. Participants in the CMEP will continue to pay for all other riders and charges on their Black Hills Energy bill including the Monthly Customer Charge.

### **How do I apply for the program?**

Customers may download and print an application by [clicking here](#). You may also contact Chronic Care Collaborative by phone at **303-993-5056** to request that an application be mailed to you. You must sign and complete the patient form (front page) and have your health care provider sign and complete the Health Care Provider Certification Form (back page). Fax your completed application to Chronic Care Collaborative at **303-955-7538** OR mail to:

**CCC-Energy Program  
PO Box 461657  
Aurora, CO 80015-9998**

### **Frequently asked questions:**

#### **Is there a deadline for applications?**

No. Applications are accepted year-round.

#### **If I am accepted into the program, how long can I stay on the program?**

If you are accepted into the program, you will be automatically renewed every year, until year 3. In year 3, customers must submit Affidavits of income and medical eligibility to remain on the program.

#### **If I am not accepted into the program, may I reapply?**

Yes. We urge customers to reapply if your medical or household income circumstances change.

#### **Does Black Hills Energy have access to my personal income and medical information?**

No. Your personal income and medical information is strictly confidential and reviewed only by the Chronic Care Collaborative, the administrator of the CMEP program. As such, we ask that you do not send your application to Black Hills Energy as we are unable to process your application.

