A quick reference guide summarizing key policy changes made to the PY25 HE+ Program Services Manual. The list is not all inclusive of every change, nor is it a direct policy reference. All policies listed below shall be reviewed in entirety in the full PY25 HE+ Program Services Manual. Changes in policy are highlighted in yellow.

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1.1	• HVAC-All	Eligibility	 HE+ Program Services include: HE+ HVAC Program Services The HE+ Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Program is a year-round program that provides assistance to eligible Wisconsin households when their primary heating system, central air conditioning, or air source heat pump (ASHP) is inoperable or becomes unsafe. This includes heating system, central air conditioning system, and air source heat pump repairs and, when appropriate, replacement. If the customer is only using portable and/or window air conditioning (AC) units or does not have an inoperable central air conditioning system or ASHP, the customer is not eligible to receive HE+ HVAC Air Control (A/C) Program Services. Agencies shall follow the denial process listed in the HE+ Program Services Manual (Section 3.5). Agency staff should inform the customer about the Weatherization program and if eligible, refer to the local Weatherization agency. Customers utilizing a portable and/or window AC unit due to an inoperable central air conditioning unit or ASHP may be referred for HE+ Program Services HVAC- AC for an assessment of the primary cooling unit. 	WHEAP Wx

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1.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Eligibility	 The customer must have been residing in the home at the time their HVAC system, water heater, or water supply system became unsafe or inoperable. 	WHEAP Wx
1.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Eligibility	10. Reimbursement of applicant expense is not typically allowed when an HE+ Program Services issue is repaired or replaced by the applicant, or a contractor hired by the applicant. <i>NOTE: If a reimbursement request is received, contact the HE</i> +	WHEAP Wx
1.2	HVAC-A/C	Eligibility	Help Desk. NOTE: HE+ Program Services will not repair or replace portable and/or window air conditioning units.	WHEAP Wx
1.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Wx-REF	NOTE: In order for the WHEAP worker to generate a Wx-REF, the weatherization agency must have created a building in the HE+ System and already uploaded the home ownership verification. If the WHEAP worker receives the following alert when generating a Wx-REF, the worker shall contact the weatherization agency to confirm whether the request is a true weatherization referral. If it is not a Wx-REF, the WHEAP worker shall enter it as a WHEAP referral instead.	WHEAP Wx

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			Alert × The required Wx Home Ownership documentation is missing. If this is not a Wx Referral please select WHEAP Referral Type. Ok	
1.4	HVAC-All Water Conservation	Help Desk Procedure	 All those who work within HE+ Program Services shall review the current program year HE+ Program Services Manual and keep up to date on all policy-related Informational Transmittals and manual updates. If questions or concerns arise regarding the interpretation of the policies and guidelines set forth in the current program year manual, individuals shall be directed to the HE+ Help Desk (heat@wisconsin.gov). No additional action should be taken until a response from the HE+ Help Desk is received. 1. When leaving a voicemail message for the HE+ Help Desk, the following shall be included in the message: Name and call-back phone number Agency name Customer name and Person ID (PID) Detailed information and specific question(s) 2. When contacting the HE+ Help Desk via email, the following shall be included: Subject line: Include the program name (WHEAP, Wx, or PS), customer PID, last name, and one or two keywords 	WHEAP Wx

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			Email body: Detailed information and specific questionsAll applicable attachments	
2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Urgent Safety Concern	The factors that determine response timelines for HE+ Program Services vary per service type and whether there is an urgent safety concern*.	WHEAP Wx
			*In determining whether the situation is an urgent safety concern, the following guidelines apply.	
			See Table 2.1 in <u>Chapter 2.</u>	
			For more information on carbon monoxide and its effects on health, see <u>Appendix E</u> for a Carbon Monoxide Information Sheet.	
2.1.6 2.1.7 2.3.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Adding Measures	After the job has been assessed, add measures to the job immediately to ensure funding is reserved.	Wx
2.3.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	System Notes	 4. Enter initial HE+ System Notes within the following time frames: a. Urgent safety concern: 3 business days b. All others: 10 business days 	Wx
3.2.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Mobile Home Titles	 If a customer resides in a mobile or manufactured home that is in a mobile home park or community (not on private property) and does not have a Certificate of Title, the worker shall assist the customer in obtaining a title by completing the following steps: 	WHEAP

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			g. Upload a copy of the fully completed and signed title application into the HE+ System under Homeownership Verification.	
3.2.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Recently Deceased Household Member	 In cases of a recently deceased household member where the homeownership is in the name of the deceased person, please contact the HE+ Help Desk for assistance prior to making the referral for HE+ Program Services. 	WHEAP Wx
3.3	HVAC-All Water Conservation	Rentals	Rental situations require prior HE+ Help Desk approval.	WHEAP Wx
3.3.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Rentals	 2. The worker must confirm that the property owner's Certification Page is compliant with current WHEAP policy, and that homeownership records and tax forms have been uploaded in the HE+ System. a. If the property owner resides in a different county/tribe, the worker must confirm that the property owner's Certification Page is compliant with current WHEAP policy, and that homeownership records and tax forms have been uploaded in the HE+ System. 	WHEAP
3.4.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Ineligible Dwellings	 Dwellings where the system being assessed (HVAC heating system, central air conditioning, water heater, and/or water supply system, etc.) had failed prior to the customer's residency in the home. 	WHEAP Wx
3.5.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Deferral Documentation	 HE+ System Documentation Pictures documenting the reason for deferral (if applicable) are required and shall be uploaded into the HE+ System. See Section <u>6.2</u> for guidance on uploading photos. 	Wx
3.5.4	HVAC-A/C	Denial Reasons	HE+ Program Services shall be denied when:	WHEAP

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			 The customer does not have an existing central air conditioning system or ASHP. NOTE: If the customer is only using portable and/or window AC units or does not have a method of cooling, the customer is not eligible to receive HE+ Program Services HVAC – AC and agencies should follow the denial process. Agency staff should inform the customer about the Weatherization program and if eligible, refer to the local Weatherization agency. 	Wx
3.5.4	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Denial Reasons	 Customers utilizing a portable and/or window AC unit due to an inoperable central air conditioning unit or ASHP may be referred for HE+ Program Services HVAC- AC for an assessment of the primary cooling unit. 11. The applicant was not living in the home with the inoperable or unsafe HVAC heating system, central air conditioning, ASHP, water heater, and/or water supply system at the time the system failed or became unsafe (e.g., the system was inoperable, unsafe, in need of repairs when the home was purchased). 	WHEAP Wx
3.5.4	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Denial Reasons	 12. For homes purchased within six (6) months of the customer's request, the customer must provide a home inspection report indicating the system was working at the time the house was sold. a. Homes purchased "as-is" or without an inspection report are ineligible for services for one calendar year from the purchase date. 	WHEAP Wx
3.5.4	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Denial Reasons	14. Online property tax records show the homeowner owes two (2) years or more in property taxes.	WHEAP Wx

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4.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Contact Information Forms	 An HE+ Program Services Contact Information Form shall be completed in tandem by the local WHEAP agency and the local weatherization agency detailing contact information and responsibilities assigned to the two agencies (or programs when housed within one agency) regarding HE+ Program Services. Agencies are issued the form via Key Survey prior to the beginning of the program year. 	WHEAP Wx
5.2 5.4.2 5.4.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Customer present during job	NOTE: The customer or a member of the household aged 18 or older must be present during the implementation of all HE+ Program Services jobs and HE+ Program Services final inspections (when applicable).	WHEAP Wx
5.2.1	HVAC-A/C	Measure Costs	See Table 5.2 in Section 5.2.1.	Wx
5.4	HVAC-All	ASHP Flow Chart	When considering the repair or replacement of an air source heat pump, the weatherization agency shall review the <u>Air Source Heat</u> <u>Pump (ASHP) Consideration Flow Chart</u> to determine if the customer is a good candidate. See <u>Appendix G</u> for air source heat pump and A/C replacement specifications. NOTE: Prior approval from the HE+ Help Desk is required before	Wx
5.4.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Satisfaction Survey	 repairing or replacing an air source heat pump. 7. An HE+ Program Services customer satisfaction survey shall be completed with the customer within 10 days of the completion of the job for the following Program Services jobs. e. For replacements, surveys may be conducted during the HE+ Program Services final inspection. 	Wx
5.4.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	HE+ Program Services Final Inspection	5.4.3 HE+ Program Services Final Inspection The local weatherization agency, or its procured subcontractor, shall conduct an in-person HE+ Program Services final inspection on all HE+ Program Services HVAC system and water heater	Wx

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			replacements <mark>to ensure the appliance has been installed per manufacturer's instructions.</mark>	
			NOTE: The customer or a member of the household aged 18 or older must be present during the implementation of all HE+ Program Services jobs and HE+ Program Services final inspections (when applicable).	
			 As part of the HE+ Program Services final inspection, the weatherization agency, or its procured subcontractor, shall fully complete the replacement HVAC system checklist and/or water heater installation checklist upon the HE+ Program Services final inspection. HE+ Program Services final inspection checklists are located on the <u>HE+ TTA website</u> under HE+ Program Services Forms, and include: Replacement Air Conditioner Checklist 	
			 Replacement ASHP Checklist Replacement Boiler Checklist Replacement Gas Checklist Replacement Oil Checklist Replacement Water Heater Checklist The final inspection can be conducted immediately following the completion of the installation. The inspector/installer and the customer (or household member aged 18 or over) must both sign the completed HE+ Program Services final inspection checklist. 	

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6.2.1	HVAC-All Water Conservation	Required Photos	 Required photographs The following photos are required to be uploaded in the HE+ System under the "Program Service Photos" repository: The existing system conditions The manufacturer's name plate Installer's information, contact number, and date of installation (replacements only) The instruction manual left by the contractor (replacements only) Any other necessary documents indicating the problem or condition of the existing heating system prior to the provision of services (if applicable) NOTE: Required photos must be uploaded to Program Service 	(WHEAP/Wx) Wx
6.2.2	HVAC-Heating	AHRI	Photos in the HE+ System. Additional photos that are not required shall be uploaded under Job Other. For replacements, the following documents shall be uploaded into the HE+ System: 1 All replacement besting systems, except for wood burning	Wx
			1. All replacement heating systems, except for wood burning units, shall meet the minimum Wisconsin Weatherization Program efficiency standards and the <u>AHRI Directory of</u> <u>Certified Product Performance</u> standards. The AHRI certificate shall be uploaded to the HE+ System under the associated repository for all central AC and ASHP replacements.	
6.2.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Replacement checklist	 For <u>replacements</u>, the following documents shall be uploaded into the HE+ System: 2. Copy of the appropriate system replacement checklist fully completed and signed by the subcontractor and the customer. 	Wx

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6.3.1	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Quality Assurance	WHEAP agencies shall ensure the internal PSQA is conducted twice per program year: once by March 1 for October to February activity, and once by June 1 for March to May activity.	WHEAP
			 Each of the two rounds of reviews shall be conducted as follows: Agencies with a prior year caseload of 5,000 or greater shall select: 6 HVAC cases* 3 Water Conservation cases* Agencies with a prior year caseload of fewer than 5,000 shall select: 2 HVAC cases* 1 Water Conservation case* *Contact the HE+ Help Desk if the required number of cases are 	
6.4	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Sensitive Data	not available by each deadline6.4 Handling Sensitive DataAn agency shall not use confidential information for any purpose other than the limited purpose of their contract and shall not disclose such confidential information to any persons other than those who have a business-related need to have access to such information. An agency shall ensure program employees, both internal and subcontracted, shall take reasonable efforts to protect and secure sensitive information.Sensitive data are any information of which the loss, misuse, unauthorized access to, or modification of could adversely affect	Wx WHEAP

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			the Home Energy Plus Program, contracted agencies, program employees, and/or customers. Sensitive data and information include but are not limited to Social Security Numbers (SSNs), Personally Identifiable Information (PII) meaning information that can directly identify a specific individual, applicant household member, or account specific information.	
7.2	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Certification Page	 The WHEAP agency must confirm that the property owner's Certification Page is compliant with current WHEAP policy, and that homeownership records and tax forms have been uploaded in the HE+ System. 	WHEAP
7.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Final invoicing	EXCEPTION: When there is no conflict with the year-end program deadline for invoicing, HE+ Program Services referral system repairs and replacements may exceed the established time periods. A System Note shall be entered documenting the reason for the delay and the estimated time frame of completion.	Wx
7.3	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Final invoicing	• The weatherization agency shall invoice the HE+ Program Services job after a final invoice with all required information and documentation has been received from the contractor and after the HE+ Program Services final inspection for replacements has been conducted and passed.	Wx
7.4.1	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	System Notes	REMINDER: The auto-populated System Notes questions shall <u>NOT</u> be deleted. The worker shall answer <u>ALL</u> questions when sending an HE+ Program Services referral. It is recommended to press "Enter" between each question to format the system generated long email. Below is an example of the HE+ Program Services System Notes from the HE+ System with the questions answered (highlighted in green):	WHEAP

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			 *Notes Is this an Urgent Safety Concern? Please explain. Test Answer What is the reported problem? (Please include system type: air control, boiler, natural gas furnace, water heater, etc.) Test Answer Describe any conditions in the home that may prevent the contractor from assessing the HVAC and/or Water Conservation system. (Example: Pets, blocked entry, rooms that are closed off, broken steps, etc.) Test Answer When was the last time the HVAC and/or Water Conservation system was working? Test Answer What is the current temperature in the home? Test answer What provisions were taken to verify the well - being of the residents? Test Answer 	
7.4.2	HVAC-All Water Conservation	Troubleshooting	 Troubleshooting the issue with the customer may save you from generating a referral. At the very least it can assist the weatherization agency or its subcontractor in assessing the situation. While the updated list of questions are the only questions required to be documented in HE+ System Notes, additional troubleshooting information may also be added. Please see the chart below for suggested troubleshooting questions to ask the customer depending on referral type. See Table 7.1 in Section 7.4.2. Additional information is welcomed and appreciated and may be added at the bottom of the templated notes or the standard HE+ 	WHEAP
8.4	HVAC-All	Monthly invoicing	System Notes feature before the referral is sent.NOTE: Agencies shall upload the corresponding monthly General Ledger as supportive documentation to the HE+ System when a	Wx

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	Water Conservation		monthly invoice contains Program Support Costs that exceed 15% or Administration Expenses that exceed 10%. Agencies must upload the documentation into the HE+ System prior to approving an invoice.	
8.5	 HVAC – All Water Conservation 	Program Support Costs	Expenses and direct charges (staff time, etc.) for HE+ Program Services final inspections for HVAC system and water heater replacements shall be billed as a Program Support cost.	Wx
8.5	 HVAC – All Water Conservation 	Program Support Costs	 The Division allows Program Support expenses such as: 7. Direct staff time related to conducting an HE+ Program Services final inspection for system replacements. 	Wx
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) A trade association that develops standards for measuring and certifying the performance of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, commercial refrigeration, and water heating equipment.	Wx
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	appliance Any device powered by electricity or fuel designed for household use. For HE+ Program Services this includes heating systems, cooling systems, and water heaters.	WHEAP Wx
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	confidential information Sensitive data are any information of which the loss, misuse, unauthorized access to, or modification of could adversely affect the Home Energy Plus (HE+) Program, contracted agencies, program employees, and/or customers. Sensitive data and information include, but are not limited to, Social Security numbers (SSNs) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII) meaning information that can directly identify a specific individual, household member, or account-specific information.	WHEAP Wx

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Appendix B	HVAC-All	Definitions	contractor	WHEAP
	Water Conservation		A business entity that enters into a contractual agreement with an agency for the provision of services. A contractor may include a vendor or lower-tier subcontractors.	Wx
Appendix B	HVAC-All	Definitions	energy audit	WHEAP
	Water Conservation		An assessment and documentation of existing thermal, mechanical, electric baseload and health and safety related conditions. This may be based on a Division-approved energy audit software program that generates a list of recommended weatherization measures.	Wx
Appendix B	HVAC-All	ater	ENERGY STAR [®]	Wx
	Valer Conservation		When stated in this manual that a product shall meet ENERGY STAR [®] standards, it shall be certified, labelled, and listed on the ENERGY STAR [®] website, and conform to the criteria used by the ENERGY STAR [®] program to rate that product.	
Appendix B	HVAC-All Water	Definitions	HE+ Program Services final inspection	Wx
	Conservation		The inspection and completion of the appropriate system checklist following the installation of an HVAC system and/or water heater through HE+ Program Services. An HE+ Program Services final inspection may be completed by the weatherization agency or the agency's procured, licensed, and bonded sub-contractor. The customer or a member of the household aged 18 or older must be present to sign the replacement checklist.	

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Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	Informational Transmittal (IT)	WHEAP
			Formal communications provided by the Division to the network via email regarding policy or requesting information. ITs are uploaded to the Home Energy Plus Training & Technical Assistance (HE+ TTA) website for future reference. The program year is included in the numbering sequence.	Wx
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	payment bond	Wx
			A payment bond is a type of surety bond issued to contractors which guarantees that all entities involved with the project will be paid. A payment surety bond is a legal contract, a type of bond, that guarantees certain employees, subcontractors, and suppliers are protected against non-payment.	
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	primary heating system	WHEAP
			The main heating system the customer uses to heat their home. If more than one system type is used in the home, the primary heating system is the system used the most by the household to heat the home.	Wx
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA)	WHEAP
			Activities designed to maximize energy savings, minimize production costs, improve program management and crew/contractor "quality of work," and/or reduce the potential for waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement.	Wx
Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	troubleshooting	WHEAP
			Step-by-step approach to finding the root cause of an issue and deciding the best way to fix it to get it back in operation.	Wx

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Appendix B	 HVAC-All Water Conservation 	Definitions	true-up The annual financial process to close out grants at the end of the contract. The Division issues guidance to subgrantees via an Informational Transmittal.	Wx
Appendix B	HVAC-All Water Conservation	Definitions	Weatherization referral (Wx-REF) NOTE: In order for the WHEAP worker to generate a Wx-REF, the weatherization agency must have created a building in the HE+ System and already uploaded the home ownership verification. If the WHEAP worker receives the following alert when generating a Wx-REF, the worker shall contact the weatherization agency to confirm whether the request is a true weatherization referral. If it is not a Wx-REF, the WHEAP worker shall enter it as a WHEAP referral instead.	WHEAP
			The required Wx Home Ownership documentation is missing. If this is not a Wx Referral please select WHEAP Referral Type.	
Appendix G	HVAC-A/C	ASHP and A/C Specifications	See table in <u>Appendix G.</u>	Wx