

COLORADO MEDICAL EXEMPTION PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET
COLORADO



What is CMEP?

The Colorado Medical Exemption Program (CMEP) provides lower electric rates to Xcel Energy customers who use life-support equipment in their households, or have medical conditions that require high power use to keep cool during the summer.

Who can take part?

Xcel Energy customers in Colorado may enroll if they meet these guidelines:

1. Have medical conditions that require high electric use for cooling during the summer, and/or use life-support equipment in their homes. Some examples include: home dialysis, oxygen and CPAP machines, or an electric wheelchair.
2. Use more than 606 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of power per month in the summer (June through September)
3. Have a household income of less than 400 percent of federal poverty guidelines
4. Complete and return the program application by May 1 for the discount to be applied for June through September.

Note: Customers must meet all four requirements to be approved for the program.

How the program works:

Many customers pay higher electric rates in the summer. They are charged a standard rate (\$0.055 per kWh) for the first 500 kWh of electricity, and a higher rate (\$0.099 per kWh) for anything over 500 kWh in one billing period. This tiered rate can make summer bills much higher.

The Colorado Medical Exemption Program offers those who qualify a reduced rate (\$0.062) for all electricity used from June through September. The program not only lowers billing rates, but also removes the Tier 2 rate for using more electricity. Standard rates return October 1.



Maximum qualifying income 400% of federal poverty guidelines	
Household size	Income limit
1	\$51,200
2	\$69,680
3	\$87,840
4	\$106,000
5	\$124,160
6	\$141,520
7	\$160,480
8	\$178,400

How to apply

Please complete, sign and submit your completed application no later than **May 1**.

You may mail, fax or scan and email.

Important: applications must be received (not postmarked) by May 1.

Please mail early!

Mail your application to:

Colorado Medical Exemption Program

P.O. Box 461657

Aurora CO 80015-9998

Fax your application to: 303-955-7538

If you have any questions, contact:

Sabrina Padilla at Chronic Care Collaborative – Energy Program

Phone: 303-993-5056

Fax: 303-955-7538

Email: sabrina.padilla@ccc-co.org

Web: chroniccarecollaborative.org

Additional assistance is available from these organizations

Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado

epilepsycolorado.org

303-377-9774

888-378-9779 (toll-free)

Lupus Foundation of Colorado

lupuscolorado.org

303-597-4050

Colorado Cross Disability Coalition (CCDC)

ccdonline.org

303-839-1775

National MS Society, Colorado-Wyoming Chapter

nationalmssociety.org

303-698-7400

800-344-4867 (toll-free)

Aging and Disability Resource Center, Denver Regional Council of Governments

303-480-6700

866-959-3017 toll-free outside the Denver area

