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## RECOVERY POLICY (INTERIM) 1002.1

### I. TITLE: **Generator Reimbursement**

II. DATE: June 1, 2006

### III. PURPOSE:

This interim policy establishes criteria for the reimbursement of generator costs under the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provisions of the Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

### IV. SCOPE AND AUDIENCE:

This interim policy is to be implemented in all disasters declared on or after June 1, 2006, until superseded by the final policy. All personnel are directed to follow this interim policy.

### V. AUTHORITY:

Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288); specifically, subsection 408(e).

### VI. DESCRIPTION:

Under the "Other Needs" (commonly known as ONA) provision of the Individuals and Households program, FEMA is authorized to provide assistance to repair or replace personal property damaged by the major disaster or emergency. Under the "Miscellaneous" Expense category of the ONA provision, FEMA can also provide funds for items/services that are commonly used to facilitate a household's disaster recovery, including a limited amount for items not owned prior to the major disaster or emergency, such as generators.

### VII. POLICY:

A. This policy will be implemented when the State has requested that generators be included as a "Miscellaneous" expense line item under the ONA provision of IHP. In addition to the eligibility requirements for IHP, the following criteria will apply to generators:

1. The generator is purchased or rented due to an event that results in an emergency or major disaster declaration by the President. For the purposes of this interim policy, the qualifying incident period for the event starts at the date the Governor declared a state of emergency and ends at the closure of the incident date published by FEMA in the Federal Register, or the date power is restored to the applicant's dwelling, whichever occurs first.



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Expenses incurred for generators purchased or rented outside the established timeframe are not eligible for reimbursement.

2. The applicant's dwelling is located in a declared area designated for IA;
3. The generator is purchased or rented to power a medically-required appliance or piece of equipment;
4. The applicant provides proof-of-purchase or rental receipts for the generator; and
5. The applicant provides proof that the appliance or equipment is required for medical purposes (e.g. letter from physician that the applicant/occupant has a medical need for the appliance or equipment).

B. If the preceding criteria are verified, the cost of the generator will be reimbursed up to the prevailing retail or rental rate, identified by FEMA, for a 5.5 kw-sized generator.

1. Reimbursement of rental cost is limited to the period that the generator was rented until commercial power was restored to the dwelling.
2. Reimbursement of rental cost will not exceed established retail purchase pricing guidelines for a 5.5 kw generator.

C. The Joint Field Office is responsible for providing officially verified commercial outage/restoration information (i.e., dates that affected areas were without power, and restoration dates) to the National Processing Service Center Coordination Team.

D. The Recovery Director may waive one or more eligibility criteria during extraordinary circumstances (e.g., sustained power outage during a period of sub-freezing temperatures), when determined to be in the public interest.

**VIII. ORIGINATING OFFICE:** Recovery Division (Individual Assistance Branch).

**IX. SUPERSESSON:** This Interim Policy supersedes Interim Policy *"Individuals and Households Program – Generator Reimbursement,"* dated August 30, 2005, and all previous guidance on this subject. This is a correction to Interim Policy 1002 *"Generator Reimbursement,"* also dated June 1, 2006.



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X. REVIEW DATE: One year from the date of publication.

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