

Colorado Medical Exemption Program (CMEP)

What is it?

The Colorado Medical Exemption Program is a special energy-assistance program offered by Xcel Energy and overseen by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, CO-WY chapter. The program provides lower electric rates to Xcel energy customers who meet specific medical qualifications.

Who can participate?

Xcel Energy customers can participate if they:

- Have medical conditions that require high electric use during the summer and/or use life support equipment in their homes. (Some examples include: home dialysis, oxygen and CPAP machines, electric wheel chair, MS, Lupus, Epilepsy etc.)
- 2. Use a high level of electricity in the summer (more than 830 KWH of power each month);
- 3. Have a household income of less than 250% of federal poverty guidelines and;
- 4. Complete and return the program application by May 1, 2015

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

How the program works:

Most electric customers pay higher rates in the summer. They are charged \$0.046 for the first 500 kilowatt hours of electricity and \$0.09 for electricity use over 500 kilowatt hours. This tiered rate can make summer bills much higher, largely if power use is over 830 KWH per month.

CMEP offers a rate of \$0.063 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for all electricity used each month from June-September. The program not only lowers billing rates but also does not charge extra for using more electricity. Rates go back to standard rates October 1, 2015.

Federal Poverty Guidelines (250% of Poverty)	
Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$29,175
2	\$39,325
3	\$49,475
4	\$59,625
5	\$69,775
6	\$79,925
7	\$90,075
8	\$100,225

How to apply:

Complete and sign the program application.
 Note: Part of it must be signed and completed by your health care provider.



Friends of the Colorado Medical Exemption Program

Additional medical assistance is available from these organizations.



National Multiple Sclerosis Society, CO-WY Chapter

900 S Broadway, Suite 250 Denver, CO 80209 Phone: 303-698-7400

Email: co-wyreceptionist@nmss.org



Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado

5889 Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Suite 404 Greenwood Village, CO 80111 Phone: 303-377-9774; 1-888-378-9779 epilepsycolorado.org



Lupus Colorado

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Colorado Cross Disability Coalition (CCDC)

655 Broadway, Suite 775 Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-839-1775 Fax: 303-839-1782

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Adult Resources for Care and Help (ARCH) Denver Regional Council of Governments

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