

Colorado Medical Exemption Program (CMEP)

What is CMEP?

The Colorado Medical Exemption Program is a special energy assistance program offered by Xcel Energy and overseen by the Chronic Care Collaborative. 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 meet the following requirements:

1. 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 and electric wheel chairs.)
2. Use a high level of electricity in the summer (more than 606 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, 2018

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 606 kWh per month.

CMEP offers a rate of \$0.063 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for all electricity used each month from June to 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, 2018.

How to apply:

1. Complete and sign the program application.
Note: Part of it must be signed and completed by your health care provider.
2. Mail your completed application by **May 1, 2018** to:
Chronic Care Collaborative
Colorado Medical Exemption Program Office
900 S. Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, CO 80209

Additional assistance is available from these organizations:

- Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado
- Lupus of Colorado
- Colorado Cross Disability Coalition (CCDC)
- Adult Resources for Care and Help (ARCH), Denver Regional Council of Governments
- National MS Society



Federal poverty guidelines (250% of poverty)

Household size	Income limit
1	\$30,350
2	\$41,150
3	\$51,950
4	\$62,750
5	\$73,550
6	\$84,350
7	\$95,150

Questions?

Call the Colorado Medical Exemption Program Office at **303.698.5409** or email **cochronic.care.collaborative@gmail.com**.