

2011 - 2012

HEAP

Home Energy Assistance Program

The Fulton Co. Office for Aging is the alternate certifier for Fulton Co. HEAP. Anyone who is over the age of 60, or who has SSI/SSD or Veteran's Benefits, or has a child under the age of 6 living in the household can apply for HEAP at the Office for Aging.

If you received HEAP last year, you will get a notice in the mail to re-apply for assistance this year. If you need help, call the Office for Aging at 518-736-5650. Please complete your application and return it as soon as possible, since HEAP will be issued on a first come first served basis this year.

Reminder – HEAP does not begin until November 16th, 2011

(...even though you may receive an application in the mail during August, September & October!...)

- Regular HEAP is a “one-time” payment to help you with your energy bills. The funding does not pay for your monthly bills.
- If you have an emergency situation (shut off notice, no power, no oil/propane/wood) please call the Office for Aging at 518-736-5650. The emergency program will open January 2, 2012.
- If you receive Food Stamps or Public Assistance, you need to call your worker at 518-736-5600.

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HEAP Eligibility Guidelines

Household of 1	Income up to \$ 2146 per month
Household of 2	Income up to \$ 2806 per month (combined)
Household of 3	Income up to \$ 3466 per month (combined)
Household of 4	Income up to \$ 4127 per month (combined)

FYI ... This year's application will be different from last year's.

- There is an **income section** you will need to complete.
- Read the application and fill in the blanks the best you can. Please complete the application, **make sure you sign** the application and return all of the application to the Office for Aging.
- **New** HEAP applicants can apply on or after November 16th. The state is predicting a **shorter HEAP season**, so send your application in as soon as possible.
- One major change is that **benefits for HEAP will be less than last year**.
- **Emergency benefits**, if available, will not be considered until January 2012. Take a look at your budget and plan ahead for your winter heating expenses.
- **Before the cold arrives** is a good time of year to make sure your furnace is in good working condition. Call your furnace company soon for service!

REMEMBER...If you just drop in at the Fulton Co. Office for Aging at this time of year, you may have to wait or be asked to return for an appointment...If the receptionist asks you to take a seat in the waiting room, please do so...If you are not feeling well, please consider using the hand sanitizer provided for you in the waiting room...If you are coughing or have an illness and must be seen, you may be asked to wear a mask, do not be alarmed, it is in everyone's best interest....Please be patient with all of the workers at the OFA, they are trying to help everyone who calls or stops by in the most efficient way possible! We appreciate your understanding and your help in making the 2011-2012 HEAP season work for all who need the assistance....!

