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HEAP Summer Crisis Program Starts in July

Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS), will help income-eligible Ohioans stay cool during the hot summer months. The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying an electric bill or assistance with an air conditioner. The program runs from July 1 until August 31, 2017.

“July and August can be two extremely hot months in Ohio, and that can take a toll on older Ohioans and Ohioans with breathing conditions”, said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with any household member, age 60 years and older or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. Conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or asthma.

To apply for the program, customers are **required** to schedule an appointment and bring the following documentation:

- a copy of their most recent energy bill
- proof of income for the last 90 days for each member 18 years and older
- picture ID for primary applicant, social security cards for all household members,
- proof of citizenship for all household members
- physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).
- renters: a copy of a lease or notarized statement from the landlord
- section 8, HUD housing need a copy of the worksheet
- food stamp letter

Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus Program (PIPP Plus) are not eligible for bill payment assistance through the program but are encouraged to work with Warren County Community Services, Inc. HEAP to identify other opportunities for assistance.

To make an appointment please call **1.866.747.1042**

About WCCS:

For more than 50 years, WCCS has served as the community's primary link for social services in Warren County, WCCS operates a wide range of programs and services that:

- Allow seniors and families to obtain and maintain long-term housing
- Assist families and individuals with emergency needs, employment and rising energy costs
- Help older adults to remain active and independent
- Prepare children to succeed in school