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HEAP Summer Crisis Program Starts July 1, 2018

The Ohio Development Services Agency and 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, 2018.

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 30 days or 12 months for each member 18 years and older
 - self-employment is required to provide 12-months of income with IRS 1040 and a self-employment form (pick up a form prior to your appointment)
 - seasonal employment is required to provide 12-months income; paystubs, printout from employer or Seasonal Employment Verification form (pick up a form prior to your appointment).
- 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 if applicable
- food stamp letter

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.

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.

For more information about the Summer Crisis Program and to make an appointment please call **1.866.747.1042** or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov

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
- Adults with literacy challenges are tutored to increase their reading and writing skills. Legal immigrants are taught English as a second language