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## Winter Heating Help for Older Ohioans

Ohio has several energy assistance programs to assist low income Ohioans with paying their utility bills:

- The **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** is a federally funded program to help low-income Ohioans by providing a one-time benefit annually to the consumer's primary heating source account. For example, if you heat your home with a gas furnace, a credit will be provided to your gas bill. To receive this benefit, the applicant must be at or below 175% of the poverty level.
- The **Percentage of Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus)** is a year-round extended payment arrangement that provides assistance with both electric and heating fuel bills. Persons at 150% of the poverty level who heat with gas pay only 6% of their gross monthly household income to their gas company and 6% to their electric company each month to maintain service. If they heat with electricity, they pay 10% of their monthly household income.
- The **Winter Crisis Program (WCP)** provides a one-time benefit annually to your primary heating source account. The benefit can be used by eligible households that are disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new services or pay to transfer service, or have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel. The program can also assist with fuel tank placement, furnace repair, and can provide funds for the purchase of electric heaters. Visit your [local energy assistance program provider](#) to apply in person for the WCP.

[Click here](#) to apply for HEAP and PIPP Plus, complete the Energy Assistance Programs Application 2020-2021 online (click on "Energy Assistance Applications" in left-hand column), or identify your [local energy assistance program provider](#) and apply in person.