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Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program begins

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) Bureau for Children and Families will begin accepting Emergency LIEAP applications January 11, 2010 at all local DHHR county offices. The Emergency LIEAP program will operate until LIEAP funds are exhausted. West Virginia residents must apply for Emergency LIEAP in person at their local DHHR office.

Households must meet all program guidelines to qualify for Emergency LIEAP assistance. In addition, there must be an emergency that will cause disruption to the home's primary heating source if not met. Customers whose primary source of heat is either natural gas or electricity must bring their cut-off notice with them when applying for emergency LIEAP. Households using other primary heating sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance if their heating fuel is at a low level during the application period.

Media questions regarding the Emergency LIEAP program should be directed to Danita Jones at 304-558-8290. West Virginia residents wanting information about the Emergency LIEAP program should contact their local DHHR office.