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Senator Bill Larkin Reminds Residents of Heating Assistance Program

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Applications Now Being Accepted

Senator Bill Larkin (R-C, Cornwall-on-Hudson) reminded Hudson Valley residents today that those needing assistance with their heating costs may now apply for New York's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). The program began accepting applications on Monday, November 17. Those households that are eligible can receive a one-time payment of up to \$625 for assistance with their heating costs this year.

"This program is vital to many New Yorkers and I encourage everyone who may be eligible to apply for assistance," said Larkin. "With this winter projected to be as bad, if not worse, than last year's, I want to make sure everyone is aware of this program. Temperatures will be dropping and heating costs will soar, therefore, if you are interested in applying, please do so as soon as possible."

Eligibility is determined by income and how many people live in the household. The program is open to homeowners and renters. During this 2014-2015 heating season, the maximum benefit a household can receive is \$625.

The easiest way to apply is online through the myBenefits.ny.gov website. Applicants can also apply for the program through their local department of social services.