

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides assistance for home heating bills to keep low-income Pennsylvanians warm and safe during the winter months. LIHEAP is available to both renters and homeowners until April 1, 2016.

“This federally-funded program provides a basic human need – a warm place to live – for hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians during the colder months,” said Governor Tom Wolf. “I am proud to participate in the start of the 2015-16 LIHEAP season, so that we can begin enrolling those low-income families, seniors, and children before the cold kicks in.”

Eligibility for the 2015-2016 LIHEAP season is set at 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The chart shows the maximum income allowed for eligibility based on household size.

DHS, in collaboration with the regulated utilities that operate in Pennsylvania, implemented a program, “The Turn On Program,” to help 9,105 households with their past-due utility bills before the start of the LIHEAP season.



**2015-16
INCOME GUIDELINES** for homeowners and renters



Impact: Statewide Kick-off Event



On November 2, 2015, Governor Tom Wolf joined DHS Secretary Ted Dallas and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) Chairman Gladys M. Brown to kick off the beginning of the LIHEAP application process for the 2015-2016 season.

“LIHEAP helped approximately 400,000 Pennsylvania households stay warm last winter, including hundreds of thousands of homes with older Pennsylvanians, children, and individuals with a disability,” said DHS Secretary Ted Dallas. “We encourage anyone who needs help with their heating bills to apply before the worst of the winter weather arrives and be prepared.”

The kick-off event took place at Hamilton Health Center in Harrisburg and also included representatives from PPL Electric Utilities and UGI Utilities Inc. Dauphin County Assistance Office employees were on hand to enroll individuals in need of support.

“Every year, as part of PUC’s effort to help consumers prepare for winter weather and higher heating bills, we focus on LIHEAP,” said PUC Chairman Gladys Brown. “This program is one of a number available for those struggling to pay their bills and keep their homes warm.”

Online applications can be completed by visiting www.compass.state.pa.us. Paper applications are still available through local county assistance offices, or interested applicants can download and print an application at www.dhs.pa.gov.