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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Information Now Available

Rockford, Ill. - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) information is now available for residents of Winnebago and Boone Counties who need help with energy bills. LIHEAP will make a payment directly to an individual's energy company account, or directly to renters if all energy costs are included in rent. The Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), a monthly budget plan where on-time payments can help forgive a portion of past due balances, is another option offered to eligible clients during LIHEAP appointments, however slots are limited.

Seniors and disabled households can begin being served in October. Disconnected households and households with children under 6 begin in November, and other income-eligible households in December.

There are many area sites that will take applications during the LIHEAP season. Handouts with all program information are available at the City of Rockford Human Services Department, 555 N. Court St., Suite 301 in Rockford, at the Boone County United Way, 220 W. Locust St. in Belvidere, and also at www.rockfordil.gov/city-departments/human-services/community-services.

Please also note that the ComEd Special Residential Hardship program is no longer available as of September 19, 2017.

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