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Energy Assistance Available to More People

FAYETTEVILLE — This week's extremely cold weather has prompted the Cumberland County Department of Social Services to relax eligibility requirements for the Crisis Intervention Program that provides urgent energy assistance to those in need.

The Salvation Army takes CIP applications at 226 South Cool Spring St. In the past, the Salvation Army had been instructed to only use CIP funds if a member of the household was under 6 or over 60 years of age (with some exceptions).

Under the newly adopted policy, the Salvation Army is taking applications regardless of the age of the household members. All other eligibility requirements must be met to receive assistance.

In order to speed up the eligibility determination process, people applying for assistance are asked to bring their utility bill with them to the Salvation Army. The \$600 maximum benefit limit per year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) remains in effect and is contingent upon the availability of funding.

Please call 307-0359 for more information on the CIP program.

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