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## DSS Announces Low Income Energy Assistance Program

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Department of Social Services wants citizens interested in receiving help with their heating costs during the cold winter months to be aware of the application process and eligibility requirements for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

Priority will be given to households with an elderly member age 60 and above, or a disabled person receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. Applications for these priority households will be accepted starting Dec. 3 and continuing through Jan. 31 or until funds are gone.

To apply, go to the Salvation Army office at 1047 Southern Ave. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Applications for all other households will be accepted from Feb. 1 through March 31 or until funds are exhausted. All households must apply for LIEAP; there are no automatic approvals as in previous years.

Energy payments, which are based on household size and income, are made directly to the heating provider, such as a power, gas or oil company. Applicants must provide proof of income, Social Security card, photo identification and a current bank statement, if applicable. Household income must not exceed 130 percent of the poverty level.

For more information, contact the DSS LIEAP message line at (910) 677-2821 or the Salvation Army at (910) 307-0359.

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