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**LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP FOR
HEAP BENEFITS**

Program Opens November 17, 2014

HUNTINGTON, NY –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th LD, Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, is encouraging eligible residents to sign-up for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits. Many Suffolk County residents will face difficulties in keeping their homes warm this winter. “I encourage residents to apply for HEAP benefits as soon as possible,” Legislator Stern said. “This program provides needed assistance so that our neighbors do not have to choose between heating their homes and putting food on the table.” Eligibility guidelines are listed below.

Persons in Family or Household	NEW YORK STATE HEAP MONTHLY INCOME GUIDELINE
1	\$2,194
2	\$2,869
3	\$3,544
4	\$4,219
5	\$4,894
6	\$5,569
7	\$5,696
8	\$5,822
9	\$5,949
10	\$6,076

Applications can be downloaded from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance at <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/> For additional information, please contact the Department of Social Service’s HEAP Hotline at 631-853-8326. Those who have previously received HEAP benefits should have received an Early Outreach Application.

Those over 60 or those under 60 who are receiving Social Security Disability or who are under 60 and receiving Supplemental Security Income Code A may apply for HEAP benefits through the Suffolk County Office for the Aging. For additional information, please contact the department at 631-853-8326. Those residents who do not meet the criteria above should apply for HEAP benefits through the Department of Social Services, at 631-853-8820.

For emergency assistance with heating or utilities, please contact the Department of Social Services Fuel Centers at the South West Emergency Center- 631-854-6684 or 631- 854-6686. For heating and utility emergencies after business hours and on weekends, please call the emergency hotline at 631-854-9100.