

## **HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)**

The 2023-2024 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) opened in Seneca County on November 1, 2023. HEAP provides assistance to individuals who have high heating bills and are income eligible.

The Seneca County Office for the Aging handles applications for persons 60 years of age and older, those persons who are receiving SSI and live alone (Code A), regardless of age and also persons receiving Social Security disability benefits, regardless of age.

Food Stamp recipients and recipients of Public Assistance benefits MUST apply through the Division of Human Services.

The maximum gross monthly income for HEAP eligibility this year is \$3,035 for a one-person household, \$3,970 for a two-person household and \$4,904 for a three-person household.

If you have received assistance from the Office for the Aging during the 2022-2023 HEAP season, you should have received an application in the mail by now. If you need assistance completing the application or you are applying for the first time, you may call the Office for the Aging in Waterloo to set up an appointment to come into the office and apply. Appointments will be made at the Waterloo office. The number to call to schedule appointments is (315) 539-1679 or 1-800-688-7188 ext. 1679. At the time you call, you will be informed of the documentation you will need to bring with you.