2017 LIFE Regional Meetings

Facing an energy emergency?
With HEAP comes NYSEG/RG&E’s EAP!

energy assistance program
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The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) offers three components:

• Monthly Bill Credit
• Budget Billing
• Arrears Forgiveness
Monthly Bill Credit

Once a HEAP payment is applied to a NYSEG or RG&E account, the customer is automatically enrolled in EAP and will begin receiving a monthly bill credit.
Important note:

Customers who have HEAP with another fuel vendor are also eligible for the monthly bill credit. However, they must send us a copy of their HEAP award letter to be enrolled in EAP.
Monthly Bill Credit Benefit

Monthly bill credits for the 2016-2017 heating season have been approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and are based on which HEAP Tier the customer is in.
Monthly Bill Credit Benefit

Households are placed in the appropriate HEAP Tier (I, II, etc.) based on the household’s gross income.

Let’s take a look at the proposed Bill Credit Schedule for NYSEG...
# Energy Assistance Program (EAP)

## EAP Bill Credit Amounts:

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Monthly Bill Credit Benefit

Monthly bill credits for RG&E customers are slightly different but are also based on which HEAP Tier the customer is in.

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Monthly Bill Credit Benefit

As an EAP participant, the customer will initially be placed on budget billing.

Customers will have the opportunity to opt out of budget billing.
Monthly Bill Credit Benefit

As an EAP participant, the customer will be referred to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and may qualify for free energy-saving measures.
Arrears Forgiveness

To qualify for Arrears Forgiveness, a customer must:

• Be enrolled in the Monthly Bill Credit Benefit.

• Have made three payments on their account in the last 12 months.

• Have an account balance of no less than $240 but no greater than $1,500.
Once enrolled in the EAP Arrears Forgiveness benefit:

The account balance is placed in “withheld” status at the time of enrollment.

Customers are required to participate in budget billing.
Once enrolled in the EAP Arrears Forgiveness benefit:

Each time the bill is paid in full and on time, the customer will receive a credit toward their withheld amount. This credit will equal $\frac{1}{24}$ of the original withheld amount.
Important Note:

- Arrears Forgiveness is a 36-month program. Any arrears remaining at the end of the program will be considered a previous balance.
- If three consecutive payments are missed, the customer is permanently removed from Arrears Forgiveness.
Contact Information

NYSEG customers who have HEAP with another fuel vendor can send a copy of their HEAP award letter to us at the following:

NYSEG:
Fax: 1-800-325-9920 OR
Email: energyassistanceprogram@nyseg.com

OR

Address: Energy Assistance Program
New York State Electric & Gas Corporation
PO Box 5220
Binghamton, NY 13902-5220
RG&E customers who have HEAP with another fuel vendor can send a copy of their HEAP award letter to us at the following:

RG&E:
Fax: 585-771-6383 OR
Email: energyassistanceprogram@rge.com

OR

Address: Energy Assistance Program
Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation
89 East Ave, Suite 300
Rochester, NY 14604-9907
For more information, visit us at nyseg.com or rge.com, click on: “Your Account” and then on: “Energy Assistance: HEAP and EAP Can Help”
The Project SHARE Heating Fund serves NYSEG and RG&E customers who have active disconnection notices.
Eligibility

To be eligible for a grant from the Project SHARE Heating Fund (PSHF), the applicant must:

• Have an active account with NYSEG or RG&E; and
• Have an active disconnect notice; and
• Be the customer of record and tenant of record; and
• Meet the HEAP income guideline.
Eligibility  – cont’d

Exception: Military

• Active duty military members and well-discharged veterans qualify regardless of income.
• The active account may be in the spouse’s or partner’s name.
• The military member does not have to reside in the household but the spouse or partner must.
• The household must have an active disconnect notice.
Grants

Customers may apply for a PSHF grant once every 12 months.

The grant amount is for the amount of the disconnect notice up to a maximum of $350
Fuel Neutral

The PSHF is fuel neutral, meaning we also support grants to NYSEG or RG&E customers who heat with oil, propane, kerosene and wood.
Program Administration

The Project SHARE Heating Fund is administered by HeartShare Human Services of New York, an organization that also manages heating funds for other utilities.
Methods for Applying

Customers interested in applying for a PSHF grant must apply through one of the following:

• An intake agency – for a current listing of agencies in participating counties go to:
  
  www.heartshare.org/programs/energy-assistance/projectshare.html

Or…
Methods for Applying – cont’d

• By calling HeartShare 800.599.4327 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and leaving their contact information. A representative will call the customer back to fill out the application by phone.

Or…
Methods for Applying – cont’d

• By contacting a NYSEG or RG&E Customer Advocate.
Success to Date

In 2016, we awarded 2,020 grants totaling $604,773.76.

Of those, 58 grants totaling $20,300 went to suppliers of oil, propane, wood, etc.
Success to Date – cont’d

Since our heating funds started in 1982, we have awarded 59,977 grants totaling more than $16,200,000.
HeartShare Contact Information

For a listing of eligibility guidelines and intake agency locations call 1.844.579.5555 or go to:

www.heartshare.org/programs/energy-assistance/projectshare.html

To apply by phone call 1.800.599.HEART (4327)
Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
THANK YOU!