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## Changes Underway For Home Energy Assistance Program

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Some changes are underway for the Community Action Agency's Home Energy assistance Program (HEAP).

This Wednesday representatives from the Ohio Department of Development spoke about the program's upcoming budget, what the program spent last year and important changes to their Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

The public hearing gave individuals the chance to ask questions about changes and give personal testimonies.

"There will be PIPP changes that will be coming about November 1, 2010," said Robin Avant, HEAP program manager. "It's going to be very important for the public to really listen out for what those changes are, because they are significant changes to the program."

More than 5,000 Hamilton County families rely on this program. Applications are still being accepted for the

Summer Cooling Program.

The deadline to turn in those requests is August 31, 2009.

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