



Powerful Opportunity Program (POP)

Utility payment assistance is available for eligible Central Hudson customers through the Powerful Opportunity Program

- Receive a discount from \$50 to \$225 off your regular Budget Bill each month
- Have your entire past-due balance paid off over a 24-month period
- Receive an Incentive (Reward) Payment when you pay 4 consecutive months
- Learn how to lower your energy costs with EmPower New Yorksm

Eligibility Requirements for POP Participation:

- Have a past due balance of at least \$100
- Use (and pay for) Central Hudson natural gas or electricity as a primary residential heating source
- Enroll to receive monthly Budget Bills
- Meet ***Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** income guidelines and receive a HEAP benefit toward your Central Hudson account each year
- Be able to pay a discounted Budget Bill in full and on time each month

POP can help you manage your energy bills, improve your financial situation and stay current with future monthly Budget Bills

If you meet all of the eligibility requirements and would like further information or an application, please call Central Hudson at (845) 452-2700 or 1-800-527-2714.
www.CentralHudson.com

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP is a federally funded program that may help you with your home heating costs.

HEAP may help you pay for: electricity, natural gas, or any other heating fuel. Contact your local Department of Social Services to apply for HEAP

You may be eligible to receive HEAP benefits			
IF	AND		
Your Household Size is	Your Total Gross Household Income is:		
	(Per Month)	(Per Year)	
1	\$2,030	\$24,360	
2	\$2,654	\$31,848	
3	\$3,279	\$39,348	
4	\$3,903	\$46,836	
5	\$4,528	\$54,336	
6	\$5,152	\$61,824	
7	\$5,269	\$63,228	
8	\$5,386	\$64,632	
9	\$5,503	\$66,036	
10	\$5,620	\$67,440	
11	\$6,029	\$72,348	

2009/2010 HEAP Income Guidelines

Questions about HEAP should be directed to the NYS HEAP Hotline: 1-800-342-3009 or contact your local Department of Social Services (DSS) or *Office for the Aging:

<u>County/City</u>	<u>DSS HEAP</u>	<u>Office for the Aging</u>
Albany County	(518) 447-7403	(518) 756-8650
Columbia County	(518) 828-9411	(518) 828-4258
Dutchess County	(845) 486-3249	(845) 486-2555
Greene County	(518) 719-3700	(518) 719-3555
Orange County	(845) 346-1120	(845) 615-3700
City of Newburgh	(845) 568-5100	(845) 615-3700
Putnam County	(845) 225-7040	(845) 225-1034
Cold Spring		(845) 265-3359
Sullivan County	(845) 807-0142	(845) 807-0241
Ulster County	(845) 334-5436	(845) 340-3456

**Seniors over 60 may apply for HEAP by contacting their local Office for the Aging, except those who receive Food Stamps. They must apply for HEAP through their local Department of Social Services.*

If you qualify for HEAP you may be eligible for POP. See the other side for more information.