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Senator announces additional heating assistance

LANSING — Sen. Bruce Caswell recently announced the appropriation of \$4 million in additional funding for heating assistance to lower income propane customers.

Because of the unprecedented increase in propane prices for the past several months Caswell worked with his colleagues to approve additional heating assistance for lower income Michigan citizens that use propane to heat their homes.

The changes in the heating assistance program for propane customers do the following:

- Temporarily increase the income limit for heating assistance applicants that use propane from 150 percent of the federal poverty level to roughly 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- Allow citizens that purchased propane from Jan. 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 that now qualify for assistance under the increased income limit to seek retroactive reimbursement for a portion of their propane purchases.

People that meet the income limit increase and purchased propane between Jan. 1, 2014 and March 31, 2014 should contact their local Community Action Agency for assistance. Applicants will need to provide proof of income and receipts for propane purchases between Jan. 1 and March 31.

The Hillsdale County Community Action Agency office is located at 55 Barnard St., Hillsdale and can be contacted at 437-3346.