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Breaking News
Important New Study Released

Children living in homes that do not receive LIHEAP grants are 23 percent more likely to be “growing poorly” and 32 percent more likely to be hospitalized following an emergency room visit, according to a new report released by the Children’s Sentinel Assessment Program (C-SNAP).

Dr. Deborah Frank, one of the principal investigators of the report, said problems affect children of all ages but “babies and toddlers are at the greatest risk.” According to Dr. Frank, babies and toddlers who live in energy insecure homes are most likely to suffer poor health, require hospitalization, manifest developmental problems and lack adequate food.

The results of the report were released at a Dorchester, MA news conference today attended by Dr. Frank, Joseph P. Kennedy, chairman of Citizens Energy Corporation, and members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation. The funding for the report was provided for Citizens Energy Corporation. with additional funding for the publishing and promotion of the report provided by the National Fuel Funds Network.

The complete report can be found on the NFFN’s website at <http://www.nationalfuelfunds.org/nffnpressroom/Fuel%20for%20Our%20Future%209-18-07.pdf>.

An opinion article titled “The Heat or Eat Dilemma” co-authored by Dr. Frank and Joseph Kennedy and published in the Boston Globe can be found at http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2007/10/21/the_heat_or_eat_dilemma/.