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TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors, Aging Specialists and HHI Service Providers

FROM: Joyce Massey-Smith

SUBJECT: Housing and Home Improvement Service, Raising Expenditure Allowance

DATE: January 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Raising Expenditure Allowance for Housing and Home Repairs

With approval from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) is raising the expenditure allowance for home repairs and modifications in North Carolina from \$1,500 to \$7,000. Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) can begin following the new policy upon receipt of this Administrative Letter.

NOTE: The Division was awarded \$5 million for Rapid Re-housing and Housing and Home Improvement under Governor Cooper's American Rescue Plan. These funds have not been released yet but the eligibility and cap will be similar to HCCBG policies. We will notify you as soon as we are able to release these funds.

Housing and Home Improvement Waivers

The HCCBG Housing Home Improvement Service Provider Waiver Request for Ramps is no longer necessary. This waiver offered providers the ability to work on ramp projects up to \$2,500. Copies of approved waiver letters shall be kept on file for monitoring purposes for documentation of any projects completed prior to receipt of this Administrative Letter by AAAs.

The Housing and Home Improvement Service Client Waiver Request for ARPA and HCCBG is no longer required for home repair projects exceeding \$1,500. This waiver will still be utilized to obtain approval for home repair projects exceeding \$7,000 and for home repair projects not currently listed in the HHI Service Standards. An updated HHI Service Client Waiver Request form will be provided to AAAs.

ARMS Reporting Requirements for Housing/Home Improvement

ARMS Service Code 145 – Waiver Requests: Upon receipt of this Administrative Letter, home repair projects up to \$7,000 will no longer need to be coded under waiver requests and will instead go in the appropriate service code that represents the type of home repair completed.

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Monitoring of Housing and Home Improvement

An updated monitoring tool for Housing/Home Improvement (H/Hi) will be provided to the AAAs prior to monitoring of FY 2022-2023.

If you have questions about the updated monitoring guidance in this administrative letter, please contact Steve Freedman steve.freedman@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-855-3400.

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