



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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August 18, 2020

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Energy Administrators, Managers & Supervisors

Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant Plan

Priority: **Time Sensitive, Action & Response Required**

The LIHEAP Block Grant Plan is completed each fiscal year, which outlines how grantees will operate the Energy programs. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) requires that states seek public participation for the LIHEAP Plan each year. ACF is allowing states a one-time flexibility to revise their 2020 LIHEAP block grant plan for federal fiscal year 2020-2021. North Carolina selected that option. The only revisions to the 2020 block grant plan are listed below.

- Updated Federal Poverty Guidelines which are effective October 1, 2020
- Removing the requirement for Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) applicants to have a disconnect notice
- Explanation of how the CARES Act funding will be spent
- Adding online CIP and LIEAP applications to ePASS effective date January 1, 2021
- Adding the acceptance of Telephonic Signatures for CIP and LIEAP applications

The Division is requesting each county to post the link below to the NC Division of Social Services webpage on their county websites from August 20-26, 2020. This allows the public to view the revised 2020 LIHEAP Block Grant Plan and submit comments. All comments will be submitted to Jasmyne Simmons at Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notice>

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter. Please contact Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Locklear, Deputy Director

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Attachments (1)

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