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Courier # 56-20-25

Michael F. Easley, Governor
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October 4, 2001

Re: LIHEAP Funding Changes

Dear County Director of Social Services:

**Attention: CIP Supervisors
LIEAP Supervisors**

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Plan for FY 2001-2002 was recently passed by the General Assembly with changes to the allotted funds for the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) and The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). The approved plan increases the dollar amounts for CIP and decreases the dollar amounts for LIEAP.

The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) funding authorizations were mailed to counties the week of September 10, 2001. This authorization is for SFY 2001-2002, July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The funding authorizations included carry forward from SFY 2000-2001 and the new amount for SFY 2001-2002. The new amount for SFY 2001-2002 will be higher than the February budget estimates issued by the Division in February of this year. This is due to the higher level of CIP funds approved by the General Assembly. The new level is budgeted \$5.7 million instead of the \$2 million that was originally sent to the General Assembly. Please make note of this difference and budget accordingly.

The LIEAP component estimated amount was budgeted at \$11 million dollars in order to issue energy checks in the amount of \$70.00 to eligible households. The General Assembly approved \$8 million for the LIEAP component which may make the energy checks lower than the \$70.00 originally projected. Please make staff and support aware of this change.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Program Integrity Representative or Alice Smith of my staff at (919) 733-7831.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilbert R. Morris".

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief
Economic Independence Section

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