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January 5, 2022

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Energy Administrators, Managers & Supervisors

Subject: Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Funding Reallocation

Priority: Information & Action

DSS Directors,

We have been closely monitoring the LIEAP balances in each county and have found that due to differences in weather and economic conditions throughout the state, there are some counties in need of additional LIEAP funds to support their citizens. To better utilize our regular LIEAP funds before we move to using the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds provided under the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), it is necessary to complete a reallocation of LIEAP funds. Reallocation will be calculated using original allocations, obligated amounts, pending application amounts, and remaining balances. Counties will be notified by Listserv message as soon as the reallocation is complete. This reallocation will not affect the ARPA pandemic LIEAP funds that have been issued to counties for the automatically authorized payments that are being paid in the month of January. We will continue to closely monitor the regular LIEAP fund balances in each county, and we make adjustments (including supplementing regular LIEAP funds with the ARPA pandemic funds) as needed. NC was allocated \$87M in LIEAP ARPA funds so we anticipate additional funds in the program this year. Please feel free to reach out to Jasmyne Simmons via email at Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov if you have specific questions or concerns specific to your county.

Sincerely,

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Carla West, Senior Director for Economic Security

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