

JOSH STEIN • Governor DEV SANGVAI • Secretary CARLA WEST • Division Director, Human Services

March 20, 2025

## **Dear County Directors of Social Services**

Attention: Directors of Social Services, Energy Administrators, Managers & Supervisors

Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Waiver

Priority: Time Sensitive, Action & Response Required

The LIHEAP Weatherization waiver is completed each fiscal year when it is anticipated that the spending for weatherization will exceed greater than 15 percent of the total LIHEAP allocations. This year, NCDHHS is seeking approval to extend up to 25 percent of the allocation through the federal waiver request process. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) requires that states seek public comments for the LIHEAP Weatherization waiver prior to its submission. To comply the following tasks must be completed:

- The announcement and waiver must be displayed on agency websites online during the week of March 24-28, 2025, in each local department of social services office, the Community Action Agencies, and partner agencies. The public should be made aware and encouraged to review and comment. A short webinar will be held Monday March 31, 2025, for the general public to provide insight on the Weatherization Program and the purpose of the waiver.
- Each person who reviews the waiver should be encouraged to fill out the comment sheet and provide feedback. Please have viewers email their comment sheets to <u>Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov</u> no later than March 31, 2025.

Attached are the supporting documents needed to complete the above tasks. The public notice and waiver will be posted on **March 24, 2025**, for public review on the NCDHHS public notice webpage <u>www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices</u>. If you have questions, please contact Jasmyne Simmons by email at jasmyne.simmons@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments (3) LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver Announcement LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver Public Review of LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver and Comment Sheet