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**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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July 28, 2021

Dear County Directors of Social Services

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

Subject: Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Plan Review Period

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

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary program that provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills.

The LIHWAP Block Grant Plan, will outline how grantees will operate the water assistance program. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) requires that states seek public comments for the LIHWAP Plan. In order for the Division to be in compliance, the following tasks must be completed:

- The announcement and plan must be displayed for five days. The plan will be displayed on our Local Department of Social Services (DSS) websites from July 29- August 4, 2021. The public should be made aware and encouraged to review and comment.
- The announcement and plan must be provided to the Community Action Agencies, partner agencies and water vendors in the area for display.
- Each person who reviews the plan must be encouraged to sign the attendance sheet and make comments.

Attached are the supporting documents needed to complete the above tasks. Additional copies of the LIHWAP Plan Announcement, Public Review of LIHWAP Block Grant Plan Attendance and Comment Sheet can be made as needed. Each County DSS is **required** to return these completed documents no later than **August 5, 2021** via email to Jasmyne Simmons at Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov. If you have questions, please contact Jasmyne Simmons via email.

Sincerely,

Carla L. West, Senior Director for Economic Security

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Attachments (4)

LIHWAP Block Grant Plan

LIHWAP Public Notice

Public Review of LIHWAP Block Grant Plan Attendance and Comment Sheet

LIHWAP Attestation and Documentation of Public Participation Form

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