## **Public Notice**

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Webinar for LIHEAP Block Grant Plan

## RELEASE DATE: June 24, 2025

RALEIGH —The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is seeking public comments on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Block (LIHEAP) Grant Plan, which outlines how the federal LIHEAP block grant funds will be spent in North Carolina in federal fiscal year 2025-2026. The Administration of Children and Families allowed North Carolina the option to clone the plan from last year and make updates.

LIHEAP provides heating, crisis and weatherization assistance. States are given broad latitude under block grant funding to design and operate their own programs, under certain restrictions.

The plan may be viewed from June 23-27, 2025, at the following locations:

- Online through the NCDHHS Division of Social Services Public Notices webpage: <u>https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices</u>
- On all <u>100 Counties DSS websites</u>

The Public Hearing webinar will take place Monday, June 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. to go over Block Grant Plan and address any questions, comments or concerns. Individuals should register for the webinar online through this link:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8921224490561173850

After registering, they will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025. Comments can be emailed to Jasmyne Simmons at <u>Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov</u> and Emma Burgy at <u>Emma.Burgy@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.