

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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February 29, 2012

RE: Reallocation of Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Funds

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Some county directors have requested additional LIEAP funds for their counties due to the economic conditions facing their citizens. The Division is exploring the option of reallocating unspent LIEAP funds from other counties for the remainder of the current LIEAP year, which ends March 31, 2012, to those counties that have exhausted their funds. Currently 70 counties have exhausted their LIEAP funds.

At this point we are not exploring the option of reallocating any Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) Funds. As of the date of this letter only eight counties in the state have exhausted their CIP allocations. We will evaluate the need to reallocate CIP at a later date.

Please indicate on the attached survey form if you are willing to have LIEAP funds reallocated to other counties or if you are interested in having LIEAP funds reallocated to your county. Also indicate the amount your county is willing to reallocate. Please return the LIEAP Reallocation Survey form by <u>Monday, March 5, 2012</u> via e-mail to <u>David.Locklear@dhhs.nc.gov</u> or by fax at (919) 334-1266.

Please contact David Locklear at (919) 334-1227 if you have questions. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Dean Simpson, Chief Economic and Family Services Section

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Attachment

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