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DATE: February 8, 2019

ATTENTION: Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Managers and Supervisors

SUBJECT: Reallocation of LIEAP Funds

Dear County Director of Social Services:

This letter is in response to the LIEAP and Crisis Intervention (CIP) reallocation surveys received as of January 29, 2019. The intended purpose of the surveys was to reallocate funds to those counties that requested additional funds. However, after a review of the current allocation balances across the state, many counties have either exhausted their allocations or have less than 25% of their original allocation remaining. In addition, North Carolina experienced severely cold temperatures and we anticipate families will experience higher than usual utility bills that may become overwhelming to households during the next bill cycle.

As a result, the Division is reallocating funds for LIEAP to counties that have less than 25% of their original allocation as of January 1, 2019. This will create the opportunity for additional households to be reached across the state. We are committed to maximizing effectiveness of financial resources to assist as many individuals and families as possible. A new funding authorization will be issued, and funds should be loaded into NC FAST by Friday, February 8, 2019.

The CIP reallocation survey did not yield sufficient funds for a reallocation, we will conduct that survey later in the year. If you have questions, please contact Arlisha Cooper at <u>Arlisha.Cooper@dhhs.nc.gov</u> or call 919-537-6309.

Sincerely,

David Locklear, Deputy Director

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