

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

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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary Sherry S. Bradsher, Director (919) 733-3055

July 20, 2007

Re: Survey Regarding LIHEAP Block Grant

Dear County Director of Social Services:

On January 10, 2007, a group of county directors met to discuss issues and concerns regarding the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) policies and procedures. During this meeting, valuable recommendations were made that resulted in changes to CIP policy effective July 1, 2007. Among the recommendations was a request to evaluate the possibility of allocating more of the block grant into the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and less into CIP. The purpose of this letter is to conduct a survey to determine whether to pursue this change in block grant allocation. In the current proposed LIHEAP Block Grant for FFY 07-08, approximately 41% of the grant is earmarked for LIEAP and 30% for CIP. If the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS) elects to recommend a different allocation in the Block Grant for the FFY 08-09 year, it must be submitted by late fall in order to meet the timeframes for review and consideration.

Please indicate on the attached form your views regarding this issue and return it by <u>Monday</u>, <u>July 30, 2007</u> by fax to David Locklear at (919) 733-0645 or submit your response via email attachment to <u>Economic.Services.Reports@ncmail.net</u> with "LIHEAP Survey" in the subject line. The Division will provide the results of the survey to the NCACDSS which can be used to form a recommendation.

If you have any questions, please David Locklear, Food and Nutrition Services and Energy Coordinator at (919) 733-7831.

Sincerely,

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Adonica Hampton, Assistant Chief Economic Services Section

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