

## Public Notice: Public Comment Sought for Weatherization Waiver

**RALEIGH** — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is seeking public comment on the proposed Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program waiver, which will allow an increase in allotted funds available for the Weatherization Assistance Program and Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program from 15% to 25% for the current state fiscal year.

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP) work together to improve energy efficiency, reduce utility costs and provide a healthier living environment in the homes of low-income families in North Carolina.

The waiver may be reviewed March 18-22, 2024, at the following locations:

- Any of the 100 county departments of social services in person or online. The waiver will be posted to the county website.
- Online on the Division of Social Services website: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices>.

A virtual public hearing will be held on Monday, March 25, 10–10:45 a.m., via GoTo webinar. There is no cost to participate. Individuals may register in advance and set a calendar reminder by going to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/606685665241676119>. For additional assistance registering for the webinar, reach out to [ncfasttraining@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ncfasttraining@dhhs.nc.gov).

Written comments will be accepted no later than March 26, 2024, by 5pm and can be submitted at any agency where the plan was displayed. Comments can also be emailed as an attachment to Jasmyne Simmons, Energy Program Consultant, at [Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov).

Comments can also be mailed to the following address, postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 26, 2024:

RE: LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver Comments  
Carla West, Division Director of Human Services  
DHHS Division of Social Services  
2420 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2420

To review the waiver on the NCDHHS website, visit <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices>.