



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

JOSH STEIN • Governor
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May 20, 2026

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Directors of Social Services, Energy Administrators, Managers & Supervisors

Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Waiver

Priority: Time Sensitive, Action & Response Required

The LIHEAP Weatherization waiver is completed each fiscal year when it is anticipated that the spending for weatherization will exceed greater than 15 percent of the total LIHEAP allocations. This year, NCDHHS is seeking approval to expend up to 25 percent of the allocation through the federal waiver request process. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) requires that states seek public comments for the LIHEAP Weatherization waiver prior to its submission. To comply, the following tasks must be completed:

- The announcement and waiver must be displayed on agency websites online during the week of May 21-29, 2026, in each local department of social services office, the Community Action Agencies, and partner agencies. The public should be made aware and encouraged to review and comment. A short webinar will be held on Monday June 1, 2026, for the general public to provide insight on the Weatherization Program and the purpose of the waiver.
- Each person who reviews the plan must be encouraged to sign the attendance sheet and make comments. Please have viewers email their attendance and/or comment sheets to Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov no later than June 2, 2026.

Attached are the supporting documents needed to complete the above tasks. The press release will be posted by **May 21, 2026**, and additional information can be viewed on the NCDHHS social media pages. If you have questions, please contact Jasmyne Simmons by email.

Sincerely,

Allison W. Smith, Deputy Director for Human Services
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Attachments (3)

LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver Announcement
LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver
Public Review of LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver and Comment Sheet

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