

August 31, 2023

Dear County Directors of Social Services

- Attention: Energy Administrators, Managers & Supervisors
- Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant Plan

Priority: Time Sensitive, Action & Response Required

The LIHEAP Block Grant Plan is completed each fiscal year, which outlines how grantees will operate Energy programs. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) requires that states seek public participation for the LIHEAP Plan each year. The Division will post the FFY 2023-2024 plan for public comment on August 31, 2023. North Carolina was monitored this year by our Federal Partners and the Division is currently reviewing our Compliance Report. With this report, some changes may be made to the plan which could result in another public review at a later date.

The Division is requesting that each county post the link below to the NC Division of Social Services webpage on their county websites from September 1-7, 2023. This allows the public to view the 2024 LIHEAP Block Grant Plan and submit comments. A public hearing will be held September 7, 2023, from 3-4 pm to discuss the plan live and to address any questions, comments, or concerns. For anyone who would like to attend, please use the webinar link below. All comments will be submitted to Jasmyne Simmons at Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov no later than 5pm on September 7, 2023.

Please register for LIHEAP Model Plan 2024 on Sep 7, 2023, 3:00 PM EDT at: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3357081012488071511</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Plan and Public Notice can be reviewed here and also are attached for convenience: <u>https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices</u>

Sincerely,

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