

Public Notice

Public Comment Sought for Weatherization Waiver

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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 and Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program 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 May 21-29, 2026, 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 [NCDHHS Division of Social Services website](#).

A virtual public hearing will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. via GoTo webinar. There is no cost to participate. [Individuals may register in advance and set a calendar reminder online](#). For additional assistance registering for the webinar, reach out to ncfasttraining@dhhs.nc.gov.

Written comments will be accepted no later than Tuesday, June 2, 2026, by 5 p.m. 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.

Comments can also be mailed to the following address, postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 2, 2026:

RE: LIHEAP Weatherization Waiver Comments
Carla West, Division Director of Human Services
NCDHHS Division of Social Services
2420 Mail Service Center
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For more information, and to review the waiver, [visit NCDHHS' website](#).