

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: September 1, 2021
MANUAL: Energy Programs Manual
TO: County Directors of Social Services
CHANGE NO: 02-2021
SUBJECT: Revisions of Manual Sections 300 and 400
EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2021

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to update the Energy Federal Poverty Levels, update the temporary changes for CIP & LIEAP for Federal Fiscal year 2022 and add clarification to the vulnerability definition.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

A. Sections 300, Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

1. Updated section 300.08, Vulnerability
2. Updated section 300.09, Income chart
3. Updated 300.11, Resources
4. Updated 300.12 B, Benefit determination and method of payment

B. Sections 400, Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)

1. Updated 400.03 F2, Federal Poverty Levels
2. Updated 400.03 I 1&2, Timeframes for authorizing assistance to eligible households
3. Updated 400.04 2&3, Benefit Levels

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

Temporary policy updates including CIP max benefit amount, omission of LIEAP resource eligibility criteria and LIEAP operating on 150% poverty level will begin October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022. All other policy changes are permanent. If you have any questions regarding this information, submit to OST at dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov

Sincerely,



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Attachments (2):
EP 300
EP 400