



# Public Notice

The North Dakota Department of Human Services is requesting public comment on a waiver to increase expenditures for weatherization activities under contract with North Dakota Department of Commerce. A copy of the waiver request will be available for public inspection upon request.

**Comments are invited to be submitted in writing by Friday, September 4, 2015 to:**

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**Waiver Request:**

A waiver will be requested to allow the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to increase its expenditures for weatherization activities from 15% up to 25% of the total federal allocations available for federal fiscal year 2015.

The waiver will allow the Department to increase the number of low income families who can receive such benefits as home insulation, storm door and window repair, emergency furnace repair and replacement, and energy assessments and education concerning energy saving techniques.

The increased funding is available for these activities due, in part, to reduced energy assistance applications and reduced energy bills for recipients of LIHEAP during the winter of 2014-2015. In turn, the lower usage of LIHEAP can be partially attributed to weatherization activities done in previous years. This waiver will allow the Department to increase its investment in energy saving activities.