

## CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

**DATE:** September 30, 2025  
**MANUAL:** Energy Programs Manual  
**TO:** County Directors of Social Services  
**CHANGE NO:** 05-2025  
**SUBJECT:** Policy Updates  
**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2025

### I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to update the Federal Poverty Level for Federal Fiscal year 2026 for the Crisis Intervention Program and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program of the Energy Programs Manual.

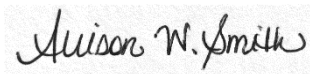
### II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

- Section 300.09 Income and Deductions
- Section 400.03 F3: Eligibility Determination- Federal Poverty Level

### III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

This new Federal Poverty Level will be effective October 1, 2025. Submit any questions regarding this policy to [DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov)

Sincerely,



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**Attachments (1):**  
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