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## **LIEAP APPLICATIONS**

### **Changes to Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**

In the past, Hyde County DSS took applications in November and payments were sent directly to program recipients in February. Households participating in the Food and Nutrition Services Program (formerly called Food Stamps) were automatically approved. That is no longer the case. Under the program changes, ALL households must meet income and resource eligibility requirements and must apply for LIEAP funds; there are no longer automatic approvals.

In addition, at the direction of the General Assembly, energy payment will now be made directly to the service provider, such as power, gas or oil companies during the month of application.

**Only households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) are eligible to potentially receive benefits from December 3, 2012, through January 31, 2013, or until funds are exhausted. Disabled persons are defined as receiving SSI, SSA or VA disability.**

**Any household can potentially receive benefits from February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 29, 2013 or until funds are exhausted, if all eligibility requirements are met. If funds remain available after January 31, 2012, any other eligible households may apply during February through the end of March 2012.**

If you have any question, please contact Linda McCabe at (252)926-4476.

Thank you