

ACF Response to North Carolina Comment on Draft Program Instruction for American Relief Act 2025 Disaster Supplemental Funds for Child Care

Background: The North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education, Department of Health and Human Services, submitted a comment regarding the draft Program Instruction for the American Relief Act 2025 Disaster Supplemental Funds for Child Care. The comment was submitted in response to the second (30-day) public comment period under the Paperwork Reduction Act approval process.

Comment: North Carolina commented that the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) should consider extending the proposed application deadline of August 1. North Carolina's lead agency and child care providers need additional time to prepare funding requests. North Carolina also submitted some specific questions.

Response: ACF has submitted a request to OMB to extend the application deadline to September 15. ACF will follow-up separately with North Carolina regarding the state's specific questions.