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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISORS AND PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WARDS

This is to remind you that as of January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act requires all US citizens and legal residents to have health insurance coverage. Guardians have an obligation to ensure that wards not covered by Medicaid or Medicare have appropriate private health care insurance coverage. The Health Insurance Marketplace at www.healthcare.gov provides a comparison of available insurance coverage and allows individuals to shop for private health insurance options. There are also coverage options available outside the Health Insurance Marketplace. If a ward has a separate Guardian of the Estate, that individual should be included in this process.

Please contact Kate Walton at (919) 855-3462 or Kate.Walton@dhhs.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill".

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief
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