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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: PROGRAM MANAGERS, ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISORS AND FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: SFY 2018-2019 SSBG ALLOCATION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

During the 2018 short session, the N.C. General Assembly (NCGA) appropriated \$987,309 in additional SSBG (Social Services Block Grant) funds to support guardianship provided by County Departments of Social Services. These funds are being added to the SSBG funds originally allocated in SFY 2012. There is a required 25% county match.

As background, through Session Law 2012-142 (HB 950-Budget Bill) and Session Law 2012-151 (SB 191-LME Governance), the NCGA provided authority and funding to transition public agency guardianship to County Departments of Social Services. The SSBG spending plan allotted monies for guardianship services and a portion of that total allotment was provided to twenty-six County DSS based on the number of adults transitioned from an LME/MCO during SFY 2011-2012.

The Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) used the following methodology to determine allocations for these additional funds:

- Growth in the number of adults served over the last three fiscal years
- Counties with the original allocation are held harmless
- County poverty levels (weighted calculation of 50%)

The data used comes from the following sources:

- DAAS Guardianship Surveys completed in 2018 by county DSS
- The 2017 American Community Survey from the US Census
- Client Services Data Warehouse (CSDW) information about the number of persons under guardianship
- The WCA370 report on county expenditures

Guardianship services provided by DSS staff will continue to be coded to SIS Code 107, Program Code X. The funds can also be used for counties contracting with guardianship corporations. (We realize that there have been some issues with reimbursement for contract expense through the DSS-1571 and revised coding instructions are forthcoming in a Dear County Director Letter.)

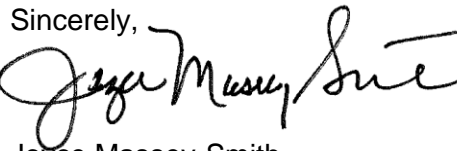
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Please see the attached spreadsheet for allocation amounts. The spreadsheet shows amounts counties received as a result of Session Law 2012-115, the required match, new funding amounts, and required match. Budget authorizations are in process and will be available shortly.

If you have any questions please contact me at Joyce.Massey-Smith@dhhs.nc.gov or Budget Officer, Kent Woodson at Kent.Woodson@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

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