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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF PRIVATE PROVIDER AGENCIES**

ATTENTION: Directors, Program Managers and Foster Home and Residential Managers

SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer for providers of foster care services

REQUIRED ACTION: ___Information Only_Time Sensitive _x_ Immediate

Pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, the Secretary of Agriculture approved state agency plans for temporary emergency standards of eligibility and levels of benefits under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. Therefore, North Carolina has been approved to administer the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program.

The P-EBT program will help caretakers, including foster parents, residential childcare providers and relative care providers, purchase food for children in their care while schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Benefits are available for children who are eligible for free and reduced lunch including children receiving foster care services. The P-EBT program is a collaboration between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Please refer to the enclosed guidance document for additional information. Should you have questions, please contact your regional child welfare consultant.

Thank you for your anticipated participation and cooperation in this important process.

Sincerely,

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