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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: DISCONTINUATION OF CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM

The Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) Program for many years has been an invaluable resource for foster care and adoptive children by providing quality comprehensive health coverage for enrolled children with chronic conditions. This Program has paid for medically necessary health care services that were not covered under Medicaid. Regretfully, in response to fiscal constraints, over the past several months, CSHS has had to make changes in the provision of services which has culminated in discontinuing the program effective June 30, 2009.

We apologize for any inconvenience this termination of CSHS benefit may cause and encourage you to assist families in exploring other resource options that may be available to the child. Since adopted children have Medicaid coverage under their adoption assistance agreement many of the services offered under CSHS will be covered. However, in order to access these services, all requests for medically necessary services should be submitted to Medicaid for consideration. The child's health care provider(s) can assist with requesting services through Medicaid or the family may call the Care Line at 1-800-662-7939 for information. If a service is not covered by Medicaid, the Children with Special Health Care Needs Helpline at 1-800-737-3028 may be able to recommend organizations to assist with services.

Please share this information with staff involved with children and families. You may contact Amelia Lance, Special Needs Adoption Coordinator, at (919) 334-1096 or Amelia.Lance@dhhs.nc.gov, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charisse S. Johnson".

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
Child Welfare Services

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