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Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FOSTER CARE MONTHLY VISITATION RECORDING IMPACT ON IV-B FUNDING

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received formal notification from the US DHHS Administration for Children and Families regarding the FFY 2008 Monthly Caseworker Visitation data submission. As North Carolina did not meet the interim targeted compliance measure, the Federal Financial Participation for IV-B, part 1 funding will be reduced from 75% to 70%. This will apply to Permanency Planning and Special Permanency Planning program funding areas. In consultation with county DSS leadership, the Division of Social Services will implement the following cost sharing approach to address this issue.

The match rate for Permanency Planning and Special Permanency Planning will change from 75%/25% to 70%/30% but the total federal dollars counties receive will not change. The state and county match will increase in order for the counties to continue to receive the same federal dollars. Those counties that met the targeted benchmark will receive an increase in their SSBG State allocation equal to 5% which is required to match their Special Permanency Planning allocation in order to offset the change.

For counties that did not meet the targeted benchmark will have, their SSBG State funding authorization reduced by the additional state and county funds that are necessary to match the Title IV-B1 Grant based on the 5% change. Revised funding authorizations for Permanency Planning, Special Permanency Planning and SSBG-State will be issued for September services paid in October 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your assigned Local Business Liaison.

Sincerely,

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

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
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