



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Social Services

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January 17, 2007

***Dear County Director of Social Services***

**Attention:** Children's Services Supervisors  
Children's Services Social Workers  
County Fiscal Officers

**Effective Date:** Immediately

**Subject:** Implementation dates for Deficit Reduction Act changes

It has recently come to the attention of the Division of Social Services that there is some confusion over the implementation dates of various aspects of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The Division previously communicated information about this issue in [FSCWS-05-06](#) and [FSCWS-11-06](#). At that time we informed counties that we expected a retroactive implementation date of October 1, 2005. In order to clarify this issue the Division provides the following guidance on implementation dates:

**Title IV-E administrative costs.** The restrictions on claiming administrative costs applies to any child in placement with an unlicensed relative caregiver after **February 8, 2006**.

**Title IV-E adoption assistance eligibility determinations.** The requirement to determine AFDC eligibility only once, at the child's removal, applies to any child whose adoption was finalized on or after **October 1, 2005**.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Thomas Smith, Program Consultant with the Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section at [thomas.smith@ncmail.net](mailto:thomas.smith@ncmail.net) or (919) 733-9465.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther T. High".

Esther T. High, Acting Chief  
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