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Division of Social Services

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March 13, 2006

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILD PLACING AGENCY:

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: NEW LEGISLATION – Public Law 109-113, the Fair Access Foster Care Act of 2005.

The Division of Social Services recently received official notification concerning the above legislation. This legislation amends Section 472(b) of the Social Security Act to allow foster care maintenance payments to be paid on behalf of eligible children in a licensed foster home whether such payments are made to a non-profit or for-profit child placing agency. This change will be reflected in July 2006 foster care payments.

In order to participate in the process a private child-placing agency must have been licensed and in operation for one year, must submit a financial audit to the Controller's Office and must sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Division of Social Services. The MOA process will need to begin by April 1, 2006 to meet the July 2006 change. Private agencies need to immediately contact Tina Bumgarner, Financial Resource Coordinator to initiate this process. Ms Bumgarner can be reached at (704) 462-2686. She will need the name, title and address of the individual legally authorized to sign contracts for your agency. She will also need your federal tax identification number.

Your current financial audit for your last fiscal year needs to be submitted to June Montgomery at the Controller's Office by May 15, 2006. The audit should be mailed to Ms. June Montgomery at 2019 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2019 or delivered by Federal Express to Ms. June Montgomery at 1050 Umstead Drive, Spruill Annex, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Ann Lamm".

Jo Ann Lamm, Section Chief
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section

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