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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS

**RE: Central Children's Home (B00007)
211 West Antioch Drive
Oxford, NC 27565**

Effective March 1, 2007, Central Children's Home began operating on a provisional license. Provisional License means a license issued for a maximum of six months enabling a facility to operate while some below standard components of the program are being corrected. A provisional license for the same below standard program components shall not be renewed (10A NCAC 70I .0201 (16)). County Departments of Social Services who currently have children placed at Central were notified of this development on February 27, 2007.

Please be advised that children/youth who are in placements that are operating under a provisional license are not reimbursable for Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments. This guidance comes from the Federal Child Welfare Manual. 8.3A.8c TITLE IV-E, Foster Care Maintenance Payments Program, Eligibility, Facilities requirements, licensing Question 12. Can a State claim title IV-E reimbursement for an eligible child placed in a child-care institution that has a provisional license? Can the State claim title IV-E if the child care institution has a probationary license due to a violation of State procedures? Answer: If a child-care institution is granted a provisional license or placed on probationary status due to its failure to fully satisfy all of the State's licensing standards, then children placed in such facility are not eligible for title IV-E foster care maintenance payments. The child-care institution becomes eligible for Federal financial participation when it comes into full compliance with the State's licensing standards. {Source: Questions and Answers on the Final Rule (65 FR 4020) (1/25/00) Legal Reference: Social Security Act - section 471 (a)(10)}.

The Division of Social Services is working closely with Central Children's Home to correct the below standard components. We will keep you apprised of further developments. If you have questions please feel free to contact Rita Bland at 252-236-7901 (Rita.Bland@ncmail.net) or Bob Hensley at 828-287-6898 (Bob.Hensley@ncmail.net).

Sincerely,

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

Esther T. High, Acting Chief
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Michael Alston, Director, Central Children's Home

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