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May 23, 2006

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

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

On March 13, 2006 in the Dear County Director letter FCSWS-14-06, counties were notified concerning the legislation that 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 update to policy required a change in the CPPS payment system for children placed with for-profit child placing agencies to remove denial notifications and allow reimbursements. The modification to the CPPS program has been completed and will reflect in payments processed in June 2006 for the May 2006 service month foster care payments.

The update is automatic and action is not required by the county agency unless changes have been made to an individual client's funding source to receive SFHF for select placements. If changes of this nature have been made, please correct the client's file to reflect the appropriate funding source.

If you have questions concerning these changes please contact Tina Bumgarner, Financial Resource Coordinator at (704) 462-2686.

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

cc: Sherry Bradsher
Local Business Liaisons
Work First Representatives
Children's Program Representatives
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders

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