

## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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October 3, 2013

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The shutdown of our federal government that commenced on Tuesday, October 1, is affecting program operations and the people of North Carolina in significant ways. The federal fiscal year 2013 ended on September 30, 2013 and a federal appropriations act for federal fiscal year 2014 has not been enacted. In addition, there has been no continuing resolution. As a result, all states are experiencing a lapse of funding for certain federal grants. This letter is to provide you with an initial analysis of federal grants impacted by the federal government shutdown.

States will not receive any additional funds from the following federal block grants:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG);
- Child Care Development Fund (CCDF); and
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Therefore states are using any potential funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year. The impact in North Carolina is significant and will be felt at the state and local level. At this time, funding to administer both mandated and essential services is limited. Full reimbursement for September services will not be possible due to the lack of federal funds available.

Unless you are in a position to cover the cost to minimize the impact of the federal shutdown, consideration should be given to the following:

- Freezing vacant positions;
- Reducing service levels;
- Reducing purchases/travel; and
- Furloughing staff.

Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administration and benefits, Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, and Child Support Enforcement are not impacted by the federal shutdown.

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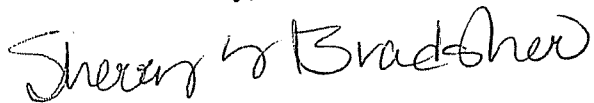
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Over the next several days, you will be receiving revised allocation letters and instructions from the various DHHS divisions. Please know we are continuing to work to minimize any negative effects of the federal government shutdown on the programs and vital services we offer but unfortunately final resolution can only occur when the federal government resolves its budget debates. Additional guidance will be provided as we learn more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Bradsher".

Sherry Bradsher  
Deputy Secretary for Human Services