

May 23, 2016

**Dear County Director of Social Services:**

**Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors**

**Re: Abled-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) Reports**

Effective July 1, 2016, the remaining 77 counties will no longer be eligible for the ABAWD waiver. Those counties are Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Burke, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson and Yancey.

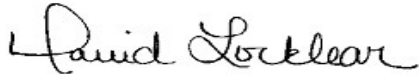
An initial report was posted in NC FAST Help that identified the potential ABAWDs in each of the 77 counties on May 3, 2016.

Two additional reports; **ABAWDs with Earned Income** and **ABAWDs with a Medicaid Case**, will be posted in FAST Help that will identify the ABAWDs in each of the 77 counties that may be exempt. A communication will be sent to all users advising them when the reports have been posted along with instructions for working them. The action for these cases must be completed no later than June 30, 2016.

ABAWD rules were turned on in the 77 non-ABAWD counties week ending April 29th release in order for NC FAST to create additional ABAWD reports. New determinations beginning on 7/1/2016 will reflect each individual's ABAWD status. Any of these cases with cert periods that extend past 9/30/2016 where individuals have used the 3 countable ABAWD months, will show as ineligible effective 10/1/2016. Do not attempt to adjust certification periods or make any additional changes to cases for ABAWD until the communication is sent to notify that the new reports along with the instructions have been posted in FAST Help.

If you have any questions, please contact the Operational Support Team via email at [\*\*ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov\*\*](mailto:ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Locklear, Chief  
Economic and Family Services