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November 15, 2010

RE: Announcement of Phase II of the Electronic Pre-Assessment Screening Service (ePASS) and Banner for Use on County Government Websites

Dear County Director of Social Services:

On July 1, 2010 the Department of Health and Human Services deployed a new web-based tool called ePASS that allows individuals to screen themselves for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits. Effective November 22, 2010 Phase II of ePASS will expand to allow completion and printing of a Food and Nutrition Services application. Applicants can apply for FNS benefits by using the ePASS application or completing the DSS-8207. County DSS agencies are required to use and process the signed ePASS application the same as a signed DSS-8207. A sample of the ePASS application can be found at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/ncfast/epass_sample.pdf and the ePASS URL is <https://epass.nc.gov>. Feel free to share the website information with potential customers as you see fit.

County DSS agencies are encouraged to have access to ePASS on their county website. Banner and logo choices which can be installed on the agency's webpage can be found at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/county/promote_epass.html

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at (919) 334-1234 or via e-mail at dean.simpson@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Simpson".

Dean Simpson, Chief
Economic and Family Services

cc: County NC Fast Technical/Infrastructural Points of Contacts

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