



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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WAYNE E. BLACK
SR. DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
AND COUNTY OPERATIONS

March 15, 2017

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Program Administrators, Managers and Supervisors

Subject: Benefit Diversion Survey for State Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan 2016-2019 allows Benefit Diversion (BD) as a county option. The Division is requesting completion of the attached survey with the decision of the county **to offer or not to offer** BD to Work First applicants for **state fiscal year 2017-2018**. Plans may be amended to offer BD each state fiscal year by providing written notification to the Division. This is to ensure that all applicants are provided an equal opportunity to receive benefits or services under the Work First program. Benefit Diversion will continue to be monitored and will result in a monitoring finding and potential County Responsible Overpayment (CROP) if provided differently than reported.

Surveys must be completed and submitted by **May 1, 2017**. If the survey is not completed and returned by the deadline above, it will be documented that your county **will** offer Benefit Diversion. If there are questions, please contact Mekella.Anthony@dhhs.nc.gov or at (919) 527-6314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear".

David Locklear, Chief
Economic and Family Services

Attachment
EFS_WF-02-2017a1 (Benefit Diversion Survey)

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