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**Dear County Director of Social Services:**

**Attention:** Work First Program Administrators and Supervisors

**Subject:** Benefit Diversion

The 2010 - 2013 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan was amended to allow Benefit Diversion (BD) as a county option. Based on this change, the Division is requesting completion of the attached survey with the decision **to offer** or **not to offer** BD to Work First applicants for **State Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016**. 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 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 31, 2015**. If the survey is not completed and returned by the deadline above, it will be documented that you **will** offer Benefit Diversion. If you have any questions, please contact Mekella Anthony at (919) 527-6314 or [Mekella.Anthony@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Mekella.Anthony@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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

David Locklear, Chief  
Economic and Family Services

Attachment

Benefit Diversion Survey

**EFS-WF-11-2015**

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