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**Re: Notification of March 2002  
Work First Check Insert**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

**Attention: Work First Supervisors**

Work First recipients will receive check inserts with their March 2002 Work First checks. The insert informs families about the following Work First policy changes which are effective March 1, 2002: (1) Work First eligibility for eighteen year olds who have not graduated from high school; and (2) The increase in the sanction amount for non-cooperation with Child Support from 25% to 50% and the loss of the entire Work First check after three months of non-cooperation. A copy of the insert is on the reverse side of this letter.

If you have any questions about the insert, please contact your Work First Representative.

Sincerely,

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief  
Economic Independence Section

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## Changes in Work First

Effective March 1, 2002, two Work First Policy changes have been made:

- 18-year-old children who are in high school and will graduate by age 19 may be eligible. If you have a child who is age 18 and will graduate from high school this year, contact your caseworker to see if he or she is eligible for Work First.
- If you do not cooperate with Child Support, the amount your check will be reduced is increasing from 25% to 50%. After three months of a 50% reduction, if you still have not cooperated, you will not receive another check until you cooperate.

These Work First policies may be different in the following Electing Counties: Caldwell, Caswell, Davie, Henderson, Iredell, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, McDowell, Randolph, Sampson, Surry, and Wilkes.