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Re: Question and Answer Documents for Food Stamp Policy Changes Effective June 1, 2003

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors

New Food Stamp Program policy effective June 1, 2003, impacts food stamp families, as well as program staff, throughout North Carolina. The new policy has generated several questions concerning policy, automation, and procedural clarifications. Due to the number of questions received, we determined that the most timely and effective method to disseminate information was via Question and Answer (Q&A) documents. Staff created two such documents. One document contains Q&A's concerning Semi-Annual Reporting and new recertification categories; the other document contains Q&A's regarding Transitional Food Stamp Benefits. Both documents are attached. Staff will review the Q&A's and incorporate clarifications into the Food Stamp Certification Manual as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Suzanne W. Marshall, Chief
Food Assistance and Energy Programs

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Attachments
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