



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor  
Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

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May 31, 2005

**Re:** Notice to Child Support Payors  
Regarding Potential Eligibility for Food  
Stamps

Dear County Director of Social Services:

**Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors**

DSS Administrative Letter Economic Services 11-2004, effective January 2005, provided instructions for excluding legally obligated child support payments from the determination of eligibility for Food Stamps based on gross income. As a result of this change, some households who pay child support now qualify for food assistance who were not previously eligible. In order to advertise this change, a notice will be sent in mid-June to all active child support payors identified through the Child Support Automated Collection and Tracking System (ACTS) who don't currently get Food Stamps. A copy of the notice is on the back of this letter.

We hope this information will encourage individuals and families who support children through their child support payments to consider applying for Food Stamps to help make ends meet. If you have any questions, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Schwartz".

Jane Schwartz, Chief  
Economic Services Section

**FAEP-11-2005**  
Attachment