

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

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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary Pheon E. Beal, Director (919) 733-3055

September 8, 2005

Re: Payment Accuracy Meetings

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors

Payment Accuracy Meetings continue to be a part of the State's Food Stamp Corrective Action Plan with a focus on policy regulations and procedural techniques that will enhance our payment accuracy rate. In addition, these meetings provide an opportunity for counties to review and discuss error trends that are occurring across the State. Recent and upcoming policy changes are also discussed.

A tentative agenda is attached to show topics for the upcoming meetings. Most topics are the result of requests by counties.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Teams 1 and 2October 18, 2005Buncombe County Library, Black Mountain BranchBlack Mountain, N. C.(105 N Dougherty St, Black Mountain, NC 28711(828) 669-2652)

<u>Team 1</u>: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Polk, Swain, Transylvania <u>Team 2</u>: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Cleveland, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey

Teams 3 and 4October 19, 2005Rowan Cooperative Extension ServiceSalisbury, N. C.2727 Old Concord Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146(704) 633-0571

<u>Team 3</u>: Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, Union <u>Team 4</u>: Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin

Teams 5 and 6 Cumberland Co. DSS, Mtg. Rooms C&D 1225 Ramsey St, Fayetteville, NC (910) 323-1540

October 25, 2005 Fayetteville, N. C.

<u>Team 5</u>: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Nash, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wilson <u>Team 6</u>: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Hoke, Moore, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland

Teams 7 and 8October 26, 2005Martin Community CollegeWilliamston, N. C.1161 Kehukee Park Rd, Williamston, NC 27892(252) 792-1521

<u>Team 7</u>: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington <u>Team 8</u>: Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Dare, Greene, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Tyrrell, Wayne

In order to prepare for the meetings, please email Charlene Morris at <u>charlene.morris@ncmail.net</u> indicating the number of individuals who will attend from your county. Please respond no later than September 29, 2005. Depending on the response received and space availability, we may be able to accommodate requests from counties who would like to attend a location other than the one shown above.

Lunch will not be available for purchase at these meetings, as several restaurants are located within close proximity. Information concerning these restaurants will be made available at the meeting.

We look forward to your county's participation in this meeting. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Charlene Morris at <u>charlene.morris@ncmail.net</u> or your Food Assistance and Energy Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Ene Schwartz

Jane Schwartz, Chief Economic Services Section

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