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Date: February 26, 2024

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

Subject: Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT)

Priority: Information for Awareness, Action Required, and Time Sensitive

Dear County Directors of Social Services:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress created a new program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide food dollars during the summer months to qualifying low-income families with school children. This program, named Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT or S-EBT) and branded as “SUN Bucks,” will help close the summer hunger gap when children are on summer break and not getting nutritious school meals.

Starting in summer 2024, States can provide \$120 per child to families with eligible school-age children for them to buy groceries, similar to how Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits are used. SUN Bucks will work hand-in-hand with other available North Carolina nutrition assistance programs, such as [summer meals for children](#), [Food and Nutrition Services \(FNS\)](#) and [Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\)](#), to help ensure children have consistent access to critical nutrition. Children may be eligible for SUN Bucks in addition to Summer Meals, FNS, or WIC.

Although USDA has indicated that a 2024 SUN Bucks program is optional for states, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has committed to providing this summer supplemental nutrition program for eligible children and submitted its 2024 SUN Bucks Program Plan to USDA for approval.

More information will be shared soon around eligibility, issuance dates, and frequently asked questions. A NCDHHS webpage has been created at www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks where county staff and citizens can visit for the most up-to-date information as it becomes available.

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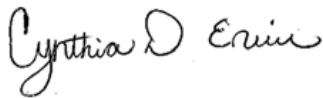
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Additionally, information about the SUN Bucks program can be found at USDA's Summer EBT website at www.fns.usda.gov/sebt.

NCDHHS, in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), will be working together to implement the SUN Bucks program for summer 2024. This partnership is codified in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between NCDHHS and NCDPI. Although the summer 2024 SUN Bucks program will be administered by NCDHHS Division of Child and Family Well-Being and NCDPI, the MOA requires each Department of Social Services (DSS) County Director to sign an S-EBT Confidentiality Agreement (see attached). This agreement assures county employees with access to SUN Bucks program data, as needed, will refrain from including personally identifiable information in any form of communication with anyone outside the program.

Please sign and return the S-EBT Confidentiality Agreement by email as a PDF to DCFWSUNBucks@dhhs.nc.gov by March 15, 2024 with your name, title and county listed in the body of the email.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1)
S-EBT Confidentiality Agreement

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