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May 29, 2025

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING IN CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

REQUIRED ACTION:
Immediate
Time Sensitive
Information Only

PURPOSE: INFORM COUNTIES OF THE UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE

Beginning in SFY 2025-2026, The North Carolina Division of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) will incorporate the use of an updated subrecipient monitoring plan for county claims for federal funds. Subrecipient monitoring is legally required and serves several functions:

- Reduces risk to counties and the state of large paybacks when formal audits are conducted.
- Assures funds are being claimed properly in reviewed cases.
- Provides information to the state and counties about specific claiming problems, allowing corrective actions to be taken.
- Educates counties about requirements for proper claims.

The updated plan will add three new programs for monitoring:

- Title IV-E FC candidacy administrative costs
- FFPSA candidacy administrative costs
- County licensed foster home safety requirements

The updated plan improves the alignment of monitoring efforts with state and county risk by selecting more representative samples of claims to monitor, increasing monitoring for higher risk programs, and adding capacity to conduct repeat reviews when errors are found.

NCDHHS DSS will provide opportunities for counties to learn more about what to expect from regarding the updated monitoring plan. Webinars will be held on June 3, 2025, from 10-11AM and June 5, 2025, from 10-11AM.

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Changes to Subrecipient Monitoring for Child Welfare 6.3.25 on Jun 3, 2025, 10:00 AM EDT at: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6302372510138985050</u>

Changes to Subrecipient Monitoring for Child Welfare 6.5.25 on Jun 5, 2025, 10:00 AM EDT at: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4911161547025656156</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Riley, Child Welfare Eligibility and Compliance Manager, at <u>beth.riley@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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