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September 28, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS AND FISCAL STAFF

SUBJECT: FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES FUNDING

REQUIRED ACTION: □ Information Only □ Time Sensitive □ Immediate

PURPOSE: REMAINING BALANCE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES FUNDING

The North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) monitors Family Reunification Services provided by the county child welfare agencies, which are funded with federal dollars.

Effective September 30th, 2023, all the federal funds available to NC for SFY 24 have been utilized, and county child welfare agencies are instructed to stop submitting requests to NCDSS for reimbursement for these funds. Any funds spent after October 1st, 2023, and sent to NCDSS for reimbursement will not be paid to county child welfare agencies. This includes funding via day sheet coding using program 24 (120 for social worker and 333 for paraprofessionals) and contracted services via DSS-1571 Cost Report for eligible services under Family Reunification Services.

Information on Family Reunification Services funding can be found in the <u>Cross Functions Manual</u> and <u>Chapter</u> <u>XIII: Child Welfare Funding Manual</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Foster Care Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at <u>Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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