

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

**Child Support Services** 

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Dear County Director of Social Services Dear County Child Support Managers

Reference: Paternity Test Billing

Effective July 1, 2012, the state and the vendor will change the genetic test billing process. The state will no longer pay the vendor and subsequently debit the county bank accounts. The last bill the state will pay is the June invoice received in July for testing conducted and billed through June 30, 2012.

Beginning July 1, 2012, the vendor will bill each county individually and directly according to the negotiated rate for paternity testing in the current state contract. The vendor will bill the counties directly for 100% of the costs. This may include testing conducted prior to June 30, but not billed on the June 2012 invoice. The county must include the cost of testing on the 1571 for federal reimbursement.

ACTS is being modified to send the DSS-4571-Authorization for Payment of Paternity Tests Costs, electronically to the vendor. Details about this change will be provided later.

If you have questions, please contact Jamil Choudhary at 919.855.4405, or your Local Business Liaison.

Sincerely,

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**Mission Statement** 

To consistently collect as much child support money as possible for the benefit of North Carolina's children.