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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: ADJUSTMENTS TO THE IV-B PARTICIPATION RATE FOR FEDERAL YEAR 2009

On October 20, 2009, the Division published CWS-40-09 related to the impact of the IV-B I federal participation rate due to the Monthly Caseworker Visitation (MCV) data. In July of 2009, the division transmitted to ACF a corrected data file for FFY 2007-08. On December 18, 2009. the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services received notification ACF had accepted the resubmission, and recalculated the impact of the data. As a result of this updated data, North Carolina more closely met the interim target for MCV. The resulting reduction in the FFP for IV-B I funds has been adjusted from 70% to the new rate of 72%. Permanency Planning and Special Permanency Planning funding percentages will be adjusted retroactive to October 2009 payment month. Counties will not be responsible for any adjustments related to this increased FFP. All adjustments to county reimbursement will be handled by the Controllers Office. Reporting for these fund sources will remain the same, but new application codes will be issued, for tracking the new percentages. The Controllers Office will issue a letter with the new application codes.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your assigned Local Business Liaison.

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