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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE AND FISCAL STAFF

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR PLACEMENTS IN PUBLICLY OPERATED RESIDENTIAL CHILD-CARE FACILITIES

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

The Division of Social Services has been advised by ACYF of the need to have NC policy align with federal requirements related to title IV-E in order to be in compliance with <u>Section 472(c)(2)</u> of the Social Security Act. Federal policy

(http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=30) does not allow IV-E to support children placed with a **<u>public</u>** agency that has a total operating capacity of greater than 25. This would include child-caring institutions, residential child-care facilities, group homes and residential maternity homes that are operated by **<u>public</u>** agencies that have cumulative licensed capacities of more than 25 children. The Division of Social Services will be requesting an amendment to the North Carolina Administrative Code 10A NCAC 70I in order to be in compliance with federal Title IV-E policy.

If you have questions about this matter, contact Susan Sanderson at 910.293.4356 or <u>susan.sanderson@dhhs.nc.gov</u>

Sincerely,

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Kevin Kelley, Section Chief Child Welfare Services

cc: Sherry Bradsher, Director Child Welfare Services Team Leaders Local Business Liaisons Debbie Hawkins, DHHS Controller's Office