

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

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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary Pheon E. Beal, Director (919) 733-3055

February 12, 2004

Dear County Director of Social Services:

SUBJECT: Payback of Local Funds for SACWIS Purchases

Since May of 2003, the Division of Social Services, the Office of the Controller and the local business liaisons have been working with the county departments of social services regarding the payback of local funds for SACWIS purchases (see attached letter). To date, most counties have paid their one half share of their total payback cost. Your county is one of 18 who have not remitted payment to the Controller's Office. The deadline for remitting payment was September 1, 2003. To the best of our knowledge as of December 2003, we have resolved all questions regarding the amount owed by your county. If there are unresolved issues, please let you assigned local business liaison know as soon as possible so that we can begin to review your concerns.

If payment is not remitted or an approved plan for payment is not received by the Division of Social Services by February 20, 2004, the county's bank account will be drafted on March 16, 2004.

While we are certainly aware that many of you are struggling with budget issues and find it difficult to make this payback, we need to put closure on this issue. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If we can be of assistance to you, feel free to call either myself at 733-3055 or Laketha Miller at 733-0169.

Sincerely,

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Sherry S. Bradsher Deputy Director

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Cc: Laketha Miller Sarah Barham James Clark Local Business Liaisons DIR-2-2004