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Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary Sherry S. Bradsher, Director (919) 733-3055

January 6, 2010

Re: Notification of Food and Nutrition Services Outreach Insert

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Supervisors

Based on a new study, The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) has determined a new opportunity to provide low-income seniors with information about FNS benefits.

Effective January 1, 2010 a provision will go into effect, whereby the Social Security Administration (SSA) will be forwarding all applications for Medicare Part D Low-income subsidy benefits (LIS) to states for eligibility screening for the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP).

As a result of this provision, NC Division of Medical Assistance, over the next several months, will be putting in place the procedures for following up with Medicare LIS applicants to determine their eligibility for MSP. As part of the follow-up process a <u>Food and Nutrition</u> <u>Services</u> outreach insert will be mailed to the Medicare LIS applicant.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Economic and Family Services Help Desk at 919-334-1100.

Sincerely,

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Dean Simpson, Chief Economic and Family Services

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