

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

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> Wayne E. Black Division Director

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Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

Subject: FNS Denials or Terminations

All FNS applications and/or recertifications that have been denied or terminated since July 1, 2013 must be reviewed to determine if a paper or electronic application or recertification document was timely received by the Division of Social Services but not keyed into NC FAST.

A review must also be completed to determine if verifications were provided or available to the agency since July 1 but were not used to determine eligibility for benefits. The review must consider all sources of documentation provided to the DSS, including voice messages, if any.

If a determination is made that documents were provided within allowable timeframes according to FNS policy, agencies are required to reopen the case, process and issue all benefits the household is eligible to receive. All due benefits should be restored within fifteen (15) days of such a determination.

The case review must be completed within the next ninety (90) days and a report provided to me of the results and confirmation that the work is complete.

If you have questions, please contact me at 919-527-6330 or by e-mail at <u>dean.simpson@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Dean Simpson

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