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Dear County Directors of Social Services

- Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors
- Subject: Food and Nutrition Services Online Purchasing (Amended)
- **Priority:** Information Only

<u>DSS Administrative Letter AL-14-2020</u> announced that North Carolina was approved to pilot a plan to authorize retail food stores to accept SNAP benefits via online transactions with an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. This allows households across North Carolina to purchase eligible food items online using SNAP benefits.

Initially, Amazon and Walmart retailers were approved by USDA to allow online purchasing. We are happy to announce that Carlie C's has received approval and will be going live with online purchasing effective October 30, 2020. Carlie C's has 25 stores located in the central part of the state.

For additional information about the pilot program please refer to the <u>DSS Administrative Letter AL-</u> <u>14-2020</u>. Submit any questions regarding this information to the Operational Support Team (OST) at <u>dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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