

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

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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

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March 28, 2002

Re: Work First Age Rule

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Supervisors

The new State TANF Plan, effective October 1, 2001, changes the age rule for children allowing children age 18 to receive Work First Family Assistance (WFFA) if in high school and expected to graduate by age 19. The Economic Independence Section is issuing a report to each county listing children who have been terminated from WFFA cases due to reaching age 18 between June 2001 and March 2002.

The attached list includes active cases with a change code of 06 or 57 (child turned 18) from June 2001 to March 2002. If the family of such a child is still receiving WFFA, contact them and determine whether these children are attending high school and expected to graduate by age 19. If so, add them back into the case effective no earlier than April 1, 2002.

If you have any further questions, please contact your Work First Representative.

Sincerely,

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief

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