

North Carolina Department

of Health and Human

Services Division of Social Services

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

July 26, 2001

Re: North Carolina Nutrition Network

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors

The North Carolina Nutrition Network was established by a cooperative agreement with Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United Stated Department of Agriculture (USDA) in March 1997. The Network consists of Nutrition Education Programs that are conducted in all 100 counties and on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

The purpose of the Nutrition Network is to create and maintain a network of agencies and organizations to provide nutrition education, or access to education, to food stamp eligible adults and children.

This letter is to notify you that Project Coordinators from the Nutrition Network may be contacting Food Stamp Supervisors to request a list of food stamp recipients (and their addresses) in specified counties. This is **not** a violation of confidentiality rules or regulations because the Nutrition Education Projects are part of the Food Stamp Program; therefore, please provide them the requested information.

The Project Coordinators have been informed that they must also share information about their projects and participants with county departments of social services. If you experience any problems with this, please contact Pat Moore at (919) 733-7831.

If you have any questions, please call your Program Integrity Representative.

Sincerely,

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief

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