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RE: 2006 DOR and TOP Collection Fees

Dear County Director of Social Services:

ATTENTION: PROGRAM INTEGRITY SUPERVISORS

This letter contains information concerning the 2006 collection fees for State and Federal interception for food stamp benefits. The North Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR) collection fee will remain \$5.00 for 2006. The interest rate to be paid on debt set-off overcollections will be 7% for the period of January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

The United States Department of Treasury collection fee will remain \$15.00 for monies intercepted from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA). The collection fee for Federal salaries and retirement payments varies from \$22.00 to \$25.00 per intercept, depending upon the source of the income. The United States Department of Treasury fees are valid through September 30, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning the fees, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

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Jane Schwartz, Chief Economic Services Section

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