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Subject: Announcement of NC FAST Case Management Pilot Counties for Integration Project 2&6: Eligibility Information System (EIS) – Work First (TANF), Medicaid, Special Assistance and Refugee Assistance

Dear County Director of Social Services:

On September 26, 2011, the NC FAST Program published Dear County Director Letter No. 11-0025, offering counties the opportunity to volunteer to serve as an NC FAST Pilot County for Project 2&6: Eligibility Information System. Thirty-four counties volunteered to serve.

All volunteering counties were grouped into small, medium and large categories based on Medicaid caseload size. The groups are as follows:

- 14 small Medicaid caseload counties (less than 10,000 Medicaid cases)
- 16 medium Medicaid caseload counties (10,000 40,000 Medicaid cases)
- 4 large Medicaid caseload counties (over 40,000 Medicaid cases)

The project team gathered quality data and recommendations from the divisions, analyzed the results, and presented a preliminary recommendation to the Executive Advisory Subcommittee (EAS) and Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAS and EAC reviewed and discussed the candidates, refined the list of selected counties, and approved the final list of Project 2&6 Pilot Counties.

The following counties were selected as Project 2&6 Pilot Counties and have accepted the offer to serve:

- February Pilot Counties:
 - o Small Medicaid caseload county: Chatham, Dare, McDowell, Orange
 - o Medium Medicaid caseload county: Catawba, Davidson, Johnston, New Hanover
- March Pilot Counties:
 - o Small Medicaid caseload county: Carteret, Clay, Transylvania
 - o Medium Medicaid caseload county: Buncombe, Duplin, Union
 - Large Medicaid caseload county: Guilford

Formal Pilot County activities will begin in the May 2012 timeframe. NC FAST Project 2&6 initial pilot Go-Live will take place in February 2013. Additional Pilot Counties will go-live in March 2013.

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We are very excited to work collaboratively with you throughout 2012 and 2013 to make this implementation a success, and are confident that the results will enhance county operations and allow for better service to you and your customers. If you have questions, please contact Melodee Stokes, NC FAST Implementation Manager, at (919) 707-4018 or Melodee.Stokes@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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