

NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Date:** July 9, 2025

**Dear County Directors of Social Services:**

**Attention:** Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Administrators, Managers and Supervisors  
Program Integrity Supervisors and Investigators

**Subject:** Evaluation of North Carolina's Use of the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)  
Funds

**Priority:** Information Only

On May 29, 2025, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) was contacted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) and notified that OIG would be conducting an inspection of North Carolina's use of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) administrative funds. As part of this inspection, USDA OIG is requesting data on every individual in North Carolina who was approved for the FNS during the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024). After careful review, NCDHHS has determined that this request is authorized by the Inspector General's Act, sections 5 USC § 406(a)(1) & (a)(3) and, as such, will fulfill the OIG's request. Please refer to the attached communications between OIG and NCDHHS for additional details regarding the request.

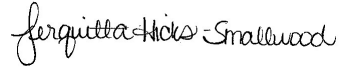
This evaluation of administrative funds and participant benefits will require access to personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, date of birth, SSN, contact details, citizenship, income, disability status, asset information, and monthly benefit amount. Requested case information will be provided by NCDHHS for review and inspection. There is no action needed by counties at this time. However, if USDA OIG request additional case file information, counties will be contacted. Protection of the PII of individuals applying for the state's FNS program is a priority. NCDHHS will work closely with USDA OIG to provide the requested case information for review and inspection. NCDHHS will ensure that there are safeguards in place to protect FNS recipient's case information during the data exchange.

If you have any questions, please the Continuous Quality Improvement Support (CQIS)  
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Sincerely,



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**Attachments (2)**

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Letter

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Response to OIG Letter

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