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**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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September 19, 2025

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Caseworkers, Managers, and Supervisors

Subject: Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Provisions of the H.R. 1 Reconciliation Bill – Implementation Information and Guidance

Purpose: Written statewide notification to Food and Nutrition Services Caseworkers, Managers, and Supervisors, pursuant to 7 C.F.R. 275.12(d)(2)(vii)(E), of implementation of the provisions of the H.R. 1 Reconciliation Bill. Effective immediately.

Attachments: The following USDA memoranda are attached for review as they contain the federal requirements North Carolina must implement:

- USDA Memo dated September 4, 2025 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 – Information Memorandum
- USDA Memo dated August 29, 2025 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 – Treatment of Energy Assistance Payments

The H.R. 1 Reconciliation Bill (Public Law 119-21), also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (OBBA), was signed into law by President Trump on July 4, 2025. This legislation includes significant changes to the Food and Nutrition Services program that affects eligibility, benefits, and program administration. While the provisions of H.R. 1 became federal law on July 4, 2025, NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been waiting for additional guidance from the USDA regarding implementation of the statutory changes to the Food and Nutrition Act. DHHS began the process of implementing the provisions from H.R. 1 on July 17, 2025. NC FAST system updates are currently in progress implementing the statutory changes. DHHS is actively updating our systems, policies, and forms to comply with federal law. At this time, we are waiting for additional detailed implementation guidance from the USDA. **Pending further guidance, counties should continue using current procedures and await further instruction from DHHS.**

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DHHS is focused on correct implementation to ensure both payment accuracy and due process protections for North Carolinians that will be impacted by these changes. We recognize that the federal statutory changes that North Carolina must implement will affect North Carolina families and individuals.

Please review the attached guidance and information in the USDA transmittals and wait for notification from DHHS regarding continued implementation of HR 1 provisions. We remain committed to working collaboratively to ensure these changes are implemented accurately, thoroughly, and with appropriate consideration for all North Carolinians we serve.

Sincerely,



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Attachments (2)

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