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**Dear County Directors of Social Services**

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

**Subject:** **Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Operations for October 2025, Federal Government Shutdown**

**Priority:** **Information Only**

Today, October 1, 2025, due to a lapse in federal appropriations to fund the federal government and many of its services, the federal government has entered into a shutdown. **The USDA has notified State Agencies that FNS eligible households will continue to receive monthly benefits for October 2025.**

**Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Operations Continue During October 2025**

The USDA has notified State Agencies that funding for State administrative expenses for the administration of FNS will continue for October 2025. North Carolina is required to administer the FNS program in accordance with Federal statute and regulations. **Counties must continue to accept and process applications and recertifications under Federal and State policy, processes, and timeliness standards.** Program operations will continue until further notice.

If you have questions, please submit them to Continuous Quality Improvement Support (CQIS): [dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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