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Date: December 30, 2022

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Income Maintenance Caseworkers,
Managers and Supervisors

Subject: COVID-19 Food and Nutrition Services Waivers Approved for Extension

Priority: Information and Action

The Continuing Appropriations Act of 2021 and Families First Coronavirus Response Act allows states the option to continue certain waivers that have been approved during the Covid-19 pandemic. North Carolina requested to extend the following waivers which have been approved for a period of three months (**January, February, and March 2023**):

- Extend Six-Month Certification Periods
- Suspend Claims Activity
- Waive Fair Hearing Timeframes
- Extend Administrative Disqualification Hearing (ADH) Timeframes
- Waive Interview Requirements
- Telephonic Signature Waiver

Due to the uncertainty of approval for continuation of the waivers, counties are strongly encouraged to begin refresher training for staff and planning to resume normal policy requirements effective with the end date of each waiver extension.

We encourage counties to continue using the Guidebook for transitioning strategies, policy sections for reference, and resources to assist families after waivers end for FNS and other social services programs.

We will continue to pursue any available waivers offered by USDA and will continue to keep you informed about updates related to FNS waivers.

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If you have any questions, please submit them to the Continuous Quality Improvement Team (CQI) dss.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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