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**Dear County Directors of Social Services**

**Attention:** Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

**Subject:** October 2020 Automated Supplements for active FNS households

**Effective Date:** October 22, 2020

**Priority:** For Information

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

On March 18, 2020 the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 was signed to provide for the issuance of emergency allotment supplements based on a public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act related to an outbreak of COVID-19 when a State has also issued an emergency or disaster declaration. NC DHHS elected to take this option and previously issued FNS supplements up to the maximum of the household's monthly benefit amount for March, April, May, June, July, August, and September 2020. In addition, NC DHHS has accepted the opportunity provided by the United States Department of Agriculture to supplement October 2020 benefits up to the maximum of the household's monthly benefit amount.

**II. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**A. AUTOMATED SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS:**

Automated supplements will be issued for October 2020 to all FNS recipients in North Carolina up to the maximum allotment for their household size using the following guidelines:

1. The supplement is the difference between the household's actual October 2020 benefits and the maximum allotment for their household size.

**Example:** A household of 3 received an allotment of \$200 for October 2020. The maximum allotment for a household of 3 is \$509. The household will be issued a supplement of \$309 ( $\$509 - \$200 = \$309$ ) for the month of October 2020.

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2. Households that have already received the maximum allotment for their household size will not receive a supplement.

**Example:** A household of 4 received an allotment of \$646 for October 2020. The maximum allotment for a household of 4 is \$646. The household will not be issued a supplement for the month of October 2020 because they have already received the maximum allotment for their household size.

3. The household size will not include ineligible and disqualified members.

**Example:** A household of 3, including one ineligible member, received an allotment of \$100 for the month of October 2020. The maximum allotment for a household size of 2 is \$355. The household would be issued a supplement of \$255 ( $\$355 - \$100 = \$255$ ) for the month of October 2020.

4. Households that were ineligible in October 2020 will not receive a supplement for the month as they were ineligible.
5. Households that were eligible for a prorated allotment of \$0 in October 2020 will receive a supplement for the prorated month.

**Example:** A household of 3 received a prorated allotment of \$0 for October 2020. The maximum allotment for a household of 3 is \$509. The household will be issued a supplement of \$509 ( $\$509 - \$0 = \$509$ ) for the month of October 2020.

## **B. NC FAST SUPPLEMENT SCHEDULE:**

NC FAST will automatically issue the October supplements to active FNS households beginning October 22, 2020. The supplements will be randomly generated and staggered every workday until all households have been supplemented. For all applications and recertifications approved subsequent to the October supplement dates, NC FAST will continue to run weekly batches to ensure they are supplemented to the max allotment for October 2020.

## **III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy is effective October 22, 2020 for all FNS households that are active in October 2020. Submit any questions regarding this policy to Operational Support Team (OST) at [DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,



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