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Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors,
Work First and Energy Program Administrators, Managers and Supervisors

Subject: Temporary Census Employment Income

Priority: Information Only

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended the waiver for North Carolina to continue to disregard income from temporary census workers when determining eligibility for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) applicants/recipients. Work First (WF) and Energy programs will also disregard temporary census employment income. The income must be disregarded from February 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. Only the income directly received from the Census Bureau can be excluded. Income cannot be excluded for applicants/recipients employed by an outside contractor.

Excluding the earned income of temporary census employees will help FNS, Work First and Energy applicants/recipients earn extra income while assisting our state in ensuring an accurate census. For further guidance refer to [Administrative Letter EFS_FNS_AL-2-2019](#) and the Integrated Eligibility Manual [4040 Non-countable Income](#).

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Operational Support Team (OST) at DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

David Locklear, Deputy Director

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