Dear County Director of Social Services and CSS Program Managers,

With the advent of new federal regulations concerning interstate processing, the responsibility of payment of genetic testing has switched from the Initiating state to the Responding State. In light of the interstate regulation change effective January 3, 2011, the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement has issued some guidance in handling this change in procedure. OCSE recommends that the initiating state be responsible for the cost of all genetic tests if the genetic test report is dated January 2, 2011 or earlier. In turn, the responding state is responsible for the cost of the genetic testing if the genetic test report is dated on or after January 3, 2011.

For more information, contact the Policy and Training Team or refer to the Child Support Manual—Chapter R, Topic 08, Section C. The Child Support Manual will be updated January 3, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact the Policy and Training Team @ 919.255.3800.

Have a Great Day and thanks for all that You Do!!

Sincerely,

Judy McArn
Assistant Chief of Program Operations