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Dear County Directors of Social Services

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

Subject: Income of Temporary Census Employment

Priority: For Information Only

This is a reminder that the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and Work First (WF) programs will disregard income from temporary census workers when determining eligibility for FNS and WF applicants/recipients. Income must be disregarded from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. 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 and Work First 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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