March 28, 2013

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Program Administrators and Supervisors

Subject: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan 2013-2016

This letter is to notify counties that the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan for federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2013-2016 is available for public comment beginning March 28, 2013. The 45-day public comment period will end May 13, 2013. It is important that each county department of social services have a copy of this plan available for public viewing. Citizens can access the TANF State Plan at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/workfirst/index.htm and email comments to workfirst@dhhs.nc.gov.

Attached is the TANF State Plan 2013-2016. It is the same plan that was posted for public review for FFY 2012-2015. Please see Dear County Director Letter (DCDL), EFS-WF-31-2011, dated December 22, 2011 for more details. The effective date was changed to meet the required authorization period by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Electing counties should share this information with their Board of County Commissioners.

Electing counties must review Appendix A of the TANF State Plan 2013-2016 to ensure accurate representation of their policies. Electing county policies requiring automation support may be subject to change based on the implementation of the new automated case management system North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST).

If there are any questions or comments regarding the TANF State Plan for FFY 2013-2016, please forward to Kea Alexander via email at kea.alexander@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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