December 8, 2006

Re: 2007 DOR and TOP Collection Fees

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Program Integrity Supervisors

This letter contains information concerning the 2007 collection fees for State and Federal interception for food stamp benefits. The North Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR) collection fee will remain $5.00 for 2007. The interest rate to be paid on debt set-off overcollections will be determined by DOR the last week of December 2006. A terminal message will be sent once the 2007 interest rate is determined.

The United States Department of Treasury collection fee will increase to $17.00 for monies intercepted from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA). The collection fee for Federal salaries and retirement payments varies from $24.00 to $27.00 per intercept, depending upon the source of the income. The United States Department of Treasury fees are effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning the fees, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

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