#### CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: December 1, 2021

MANUAL: WORK FIRST MANUAL

CHANGE NO.: WF-CN6-2021

**TO:** County Directors of Social Services

**EFFECTIVE:** December 1, 2021

#### I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to address Work First Manual Section 104, Work First Application Process and Procedures was updated to clarify the Work First application date and include new Work First application processes and procedures.

### II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

# **Application Process**

• Clarified the meaning/process of taking a WF application.

# **Application Procedures**

 Updated the application submission process to include face-to-face, telephonically, by mail, or drop-off.

# **Application Interview**

• Provided guidance for the application interview process for face-to-face, telephonic, mail, and drop-off application interview process.

### Who May Apply for Work First Cash Assistance

Provided guidance for verification on kinship.

## Rights and Responsibilities

Provided guidance for explaining an applicant's rights and responsibilities.

#### **Application Processing**

- Clarified the case transfer procedure.
- Added guidance for Inquiries.
- Added language regarding the use of the DSS-8228.

#### III. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

This policy is effective December 1, 2021. Please email any questions regarding this policy to the Economic and Family Services Operational Support Team (OST) to <a href="mailto:DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov">DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov</a>.

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Attachment: WF 104