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HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Child Development and Early
Education

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Dear County Directors of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies

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Attention: Directors of County Departments of Social Services
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies
Child Care Coordinators
Other DSS Personnel who work with the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program

Subject: **EXTEND 90-DAY TRANSITION PERIOD IN HURRICANE IMPACTED COUNTIES**

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to announce the extension for the SCCA 90-Day Transition/Job search policy for counties affected by Hurricane Florence. This extension was outlined in the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY SECTION 5.6 of Senate Bill 3 Third Extra Session 2018 – Ratified.

Section (a) states, the Division of Child Development and Early Education, shall extend the transition period from 90 days to **120 days** for a child care subsidy recipient who is otherwise eligible for child care subsidy and resides in an area damaged or impacted by Hurricane Florence if the recipient is (1) temporarily absent from employment, training, or an educational program with arrangements to continue the same employment, training, or educational program, (2) unemployed but seeking employment, or (3) no longer attending a training or educational program but is seeking employment or to resume attendance at a training or educational program.

Section (b) states, that this extension only applies in the counties designated under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Florence and for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Any recipient currently receiving subsidized child care who experiences a period of transition during their 12-month eligibility period shall receive 120 days transition instead of 90 days if they meet the criteria listed above. This should apply to all families living in the 34 disaster declared counties and be implemented until July 1, 2019. All other policy related to implementing 90-day transition remains in effect during this period. Please refer to administrative letters #4-17 and #05-16.

The 34 impacted counties that this applies to are:

Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Durham, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Union, Wayne, and Wilson.

If you have questions about the information in this letter, or other Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program questions, please contact dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov to reach technical assistance and policy consultation.

Sincerely,

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