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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: Developmental Screenings

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to communicate changes to the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program (SCCAP) regarding the development of procedures for providing information about and referring families to existing developmental screening services.

The North Carolina Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan requires states to provide consumer education information to families, the general public, and providers regarding developmental screenings. The Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) has adopted procedures that provide information on existing resources and services to support developmental screenings and providing referral services, including the use of Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) under Medicaid as well as section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Developmental Screening Objective

One of DCDEE's objectives is to improve the physical health, social, and emotional development of all children ages birth through 5 years by developing procedures for providing families with developmental screening information and how to refer families to existing developmental screening services.

DCDEE's responsibilities:

- DCDEE will provide to each Department of Social Services (DSS)/Local Purchasing Agency (LPA) with printed and online information about developmental milestones, monitoring, and screening.
- DCDEE will provide resource information about local community agencies such as health departments, Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSA), and Local Education Agencies (LEA) which providers and families can use to make referrals when there is a concern related to a child's development.
- DCDEE will distribute an addition to the provider agreement to all DSS/LPAs.



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DSS/LPA's responsibilities:

- Each DSS/LPA will distribute resource information from DCDEE to all providers.
- Each DSS/LPA will distribute the addition to the provider agreement to all subsidy providers and have them sign and return to DSS/LPA. Each DSS/LPA should collect the signed additions and ensure that all subsidy providers return the addition.

Providers' Responsibilities:

- Each provider will sign the provider agreement addition and return to DSS/LPA.
- Each provider will incorporate developmental monitoring into their conversations with families using information provided by their local DSS/LPA.
- Each provider will assist families with making referrals to community resources when there are developmental concerns.

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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Attachments

