

**NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
STATE/COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL
ASSISTANCE AND YOUR RESOURCES**

If you are applying for or receiving **Special Assistance**, or if you are considering applying for **Special Assistance** in the future, the following information is important to you.

RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:

Resources are items that you own and can use to get food, clothing, shelter or medical care. Resources affect your eligibility for **Special Assistance**.

Resources can include:

- Cash or bank accounts, stocks and bonds, retirement accounts, and life insurance
- Real property, such as a house or land
- Personal property such as a car or boat

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GIVE AWAY OR SELL A RESOURCE:

You may not be able to get **Special Assistance** for a period of time if you, or someone acting for you, gives away your resource or sells it for less than it is worth. This period may be up to 36 months, depending on how much the resource was worth and how much you got for it. You also may not be able to get **Special Assistance** if you, or someone acting for you, puts your resources into a trust. If you have any questions about how your resources affect your eligibility for **Special Assistance**, please talk to a caseworker at your local social services office.

Medicaid also looks at all your resources when deciding if you can get Medicaid, **however** the period of time you may not be able to get Medicaid may be longer. If you have any questions about how your resources affect your eligibility for Medicaid, please talk to a caseworker at your local social services office.

Phone Number for Local Department of Social Services