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Division of Child Development and Early  
Education

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**Dear County Director of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies**

**Letter Number:** SCCA DCDL 2024 - #09 (REVISED)

**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:** Recertification Extension

The Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) recognizes the challenges families are facing due to the impact of Hurricane Helene. In response, we are extending the certification periods by 12 months for families in the affected counties, allowing them to bypass the recertification process during this time.

This extension applies to certification periods ending in September, October, November, and December 2024. For example, a case set to end in October 2024 will automatically be extended through October 2025 in the NC FAST system.

Please note the extensions have already been completed for September, October, and November and workers can see the extension reflected in NC FAST. The process to extend certifications for December 2024 will be completed during the month of November.

The affected counties include: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Technical Assistance Consultant.

Sincerely,

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