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HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Child Development and Early
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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: Reporting Attendance for September 2018

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to communicate how child care providers in counties affected by Hurricane Florence report attendance for the month of September 2018.

Due to the extensive flooding and damage caused by Hurricane Florence, the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) understands that many child care facilities were not able to operate for many days during the month of September. In an effort to assist with the damage and devastation caused by this storm, DCDEE is prepared to make full payments based on children's attendance prior to Hurricane Florence to providers who provided subsidized child care assistance during September 2018 and are located in the counties affected by Hurricane Florence. This is consistent with DCDEE policy implemented in previous years when subsidized child care programs were unable to operate due to a disaster.

The procedures for ensuring that child care providers in these affected counties receive their full payments are as follows. If a child attended at least one day at his/her child care facility during the month of September prior to September 11th, the child care provider should mark that child as present for the days the child attended. Beginning September 11th through September 30th, child care providers in these impacted counties are allowed to mark all children present. This is only applicable for the service month of September 2018 for child care providers located in the counties most severely affected by Hurricane Florence and are considered disaster areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These counties are listed below.

Beaufort County, Bladen County, Brunswick County, Carteret County, Columbus County, Craven County, Cumberland County, Duplin County, Harnett County, Hoke County, Hyde County, Johnston County, Jones County, Lee County, Lenoir County, Moore County, New Hanover County, Onslow County, Pamlico County, Pender County, Pitt County, Richmond County, Robeson County, Sampson County, and Scotland County, Wayne County, and Wilson County.

Please note that there are no new funds added to counties' allocations for this purpose. 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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