DATE: November 14, 2008

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE MATCH

DISTRIBUTION: County Directors of Social Services
Medicaid/Work First/Special Assistance/Food and Nutrition Services Supervisors/Staff

I. BACKGROUND

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has offered all states an opportunity to participate in an interstate match (PARIS) once every quarter. The interstate match compares North Carolina recipients of Medicaid, cash assistance under TANF, Special Assistance and Food and Nutrition Services with other states’ recipients of Medicaid, cash assistance under TANF, Special Assistance (in some states called General Assistance) and Food and Nutrition Services. North Carolina will submit a file to ACF containing data for all active individuals in EIS and FSIS. ACF matches this information with other states’ records using the social security number as the primary match. As a result of this match, we will produce a report listing the individuals on the Interstate Match Report.

This match will be produced once a quarter: February, May, August, and November with the report printed two or three weeks later. Use this report as a lead to determine if an individual might be receiving assistance in more than one state.

The purpose of this letter is to provide updated information effective with the June 30, 2008 match.

SSI recipients who have received AAF (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), FS (Food Stamps/Food and Nutrition), GA (General Assistance), and/or CC (Child Care) in North Carolina and in another state will now be included in the county report. County DSS staff must evaluate these matches to determine the correct state of residence and take the appropriate action on the case which may include termination of benefits and investigation for possible fraud. Changes related to the SSI Medicaid benefit will be handled by the IEVS Coordinator in the State Office.
A second change for the county report is that HSF and IAS recipients will now be included if he/she received benefits in North Carolina and in another state. County DSS staff are to evaluate the matches for non-SSI recipients to determine the correct state of residence and take the appropriate action. Program Integrity staff in the State Medicaid Office will evaluate the matches for only SSI recipients and will alert the county DSS of any action that is necessary for these cases.

Please contact your Program Representative if you have any policy questions relating to what action to take if an individual is receiving benefits in North Carolina and another state. If you have any questions about this letter or the match report, please call Candes Smith at (919) 855-4000.

Sincerely,

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