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SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 03-15

TO: Directors County Departments of Social Services
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies
Child Care Coordinators, Supervisors and Managers

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SUBJECT: 90 Day Extension for Non-Parent Relative Families Receiving Care to Support Child Welfare Services (CWS)

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Session Law 2014-100 revised the definition of "income unit" to include non-parent relatives, effective January 1, 2015. As this change is proposed to be reversed in the SFY 15-16 budget proposals, the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) will allow counties to extend services to support Child Welfare Services (CWS) for families affected by the policy change who continued to receive services through June 30, 2015 per previous guidance from DCDEE. This extension will be for 90 days from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

The 90 day extension can be provided for the following:

- 1) Families receiving care to support CWS and care terminated on June 30, 2015. These families can be reinstated under CWS.
- 2) Families who continued to receive services with regard to income after June 30, 2015 under another need category. Some of the families may have been recertified between January 1 and June 30, 2015. These families can be changed back to CWS and the parental fee removed for the 90-day period. For families who had one (1) or more children ineligible due to the income guidelines, services may be provided to support CWS for those children whose services were terminated if the family continues to have a need for care for those children.

If the eligibility period ends during the 90-day extension period, a new application is completed so that care to support CWS will continue throughout the 90 days. A new certification period will be assigned for 12 months. Counties will need to track these families.

Please refer to the Administrative Letter #1-15 for information related to these services.

If you have questions about the information contained in this letter, please contact Kim Miller at kim.miller@dhhs.nc.gov or via phone at 919-527-6594.

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