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### DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT



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#### SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SERVICES MANUAL - CHANGE NOTICE #1-11

TO: County Departments of Social Services

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**SUBJECT:** Revisions to the Subsidized Child Care Services Manual

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The purpose of this Change Notice is to communicate changes that have been made to the Subsidized Child Care Services Manual. The changes include Administrative Letter No. 01-11 regarding the correct application of Title IV-E funds for child care to support the employment of foster care parents. A summary of the changes are indicated below. These changes are effective May 6, 2011 and are identified by a line in the left margin of the documents.

# Chapter 4 - Application, Eligibility Determination and Documentation

This chapter was revised to include the requirement of specific employment information for one and two foster care parents in the same home who are both employed and need child care to support employment.

#### Chapter 4 – Attachment 2

This sample referral form was revised to enter date of birth and specific employment information for one and two foster care parents who need child care to support employment. In addition, the Child Protective Services (CPS) or Foster Care supervisor's signature is required on the referral form. Local purchasing agencies that have developed a referral form for CPS and Foster Care must include the same information that is on the sample form.

### Chapter 5 - Establishing Need and a Plan of Care

This chapter was revised to include certain employment information for one and two foster care parents in the same home who need child care to support employment. In addition, more than one race can be indicated for a child. The text in this chapter has been reformatted.

# Chapter 9 - Parental Choice and Voucher Procedures

The revision in this chapter requires parents to select a child care provider before the child care voucher is issued by the local purchasing agency. The Child Care Voucher Procedures chart in Attachment 1 was also changed to reflect the selection of the provider before the voucher is issued.

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## <u>Chapter 22 – Local Policy Options</u>

The local option that allows the local purchasing agencies to issue the child care voucher after the parent has selected the provider has been removed. Parents are now required to choose a provider before the voucher is issued.

### Instructions for Maintenance of Subsidized Child Care Services Manual

Your agency must maintain at least one copy of the previous manual material for reference during single audits, state monitoring visits and fraud investigations. Child care staff should review the changes to become familiar with the new information.

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This Change Notice and revised policy is available in the on-line manual on the Division's web site at <a href="http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dcd/ccs/man/index.htm">http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dcd/ccs/man/index.htm</a>. Child care staff in your agency should print and retain a copy of the revised policy in their Subsidized Child Care Services Manual. In addition, child care staff should maintain a copy of the Change Notice in Appendix E of the manual. Questions regarding the manual should be directed to your Subsidy Services Consultant.

**Enclosures** 

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cc: Child Care Coordinators

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