

**DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CWS-AL-02-10**

TO:	COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ATTENTION:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS CHILDREN'S SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS
DATE:	May 13, 2010

SUBJECT: NEW IV-E POLICY ON REDETERMINATIONS AND USE OF IV-E ON DAYSHEETS

EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY

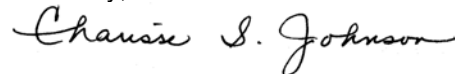
We have been informed by the Administration for Families and Children (ACF) that effective immediately, there is no longer any requirement to re-determine a child's ongoing AFDC eligibility (need and deprivation). A child must still meet the initial AFDC eligibility requirements at the time of the child's removal from the home or when a voluntary placement agreement (VPA) is entered to be eligible for IV-E foster care. However, once the child has been initially determined to be eligible for AFDC, the child remains eligible for AFDC as long as the court order remains in effect.

The only additional requirement for ongoing IV-E eligibility is the requirement that every twelve months, there must be a judicial determination that the agency has made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanent plan. The [DSS-5120A](#) has been revised to reflect these changes and is available online (see form attached). Policy is in the process of being revised and will be distributed to counties as soon as possible.

In addition, we would like to restate long-standing policy that if a child is IV-E eligible, IV-E funds must be used for all IV-E allowable activities and maintenance costs. This was previously communicated by [FSCW-9-28-99](#). For Daysheet coding, also note that costs for any IV-E allowable activities that are not linked directly to an individual child's eligibility (not linked to a SIS ID) must be allocated to the Title IV-E program code Z by program staff. Fiscal staff may then decide which funding source to apply for the non-IV-E share. The percent of allowable charges to IV-E is based on the statewide percentage of the children in DSS custody that are IV-E eligible (penetration rate). The percentage rate changes from month to month and may be accessed by contacting the NC Controller's website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/control/> and following the appropriate prompts.

If you have any questions about the information included in this Administrative Letter, please contact Thomas Smith of the Local Support Operations Team at (919) 334-1089 or at thomas.smith@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: [DSS-5120A](#) (Rev. 4/2010)

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