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From: John Thompson, Director  
NC Medicaid, Office of Compliance & Program Integrity

To: County Local CPA Firms

CC: County Managers and DSS Directors

Date: May 4, 2020

Re: County Single Audit – Medicaid Eligibility Determination Testing

On March 19, 2020 OMB issued M-20-17 providing administrative relief to recipients and subrecipients of grant awarding agencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Clause 13 of the memorandum granted a six-month extension for the submission of Single Audit reports for fiscal years ending through June 30, 2020. As a result, the NC SFY2020 County Single audit report submissions to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse are now due on or before September 30, 2021 instead of March 31, 2021.

The purpose of this memo is to strongly encourage local CPA firms to utilize the OMB extension as much as possible to grant county DSS workers additional time to respond to audit inquiries, particularly Medicaid eligibility testing.

Currently, county DSS workers are teleworking and are not able to retrieve client files from their local offices. Once the shelter-in-place restrictions are lifted for the State and in each individual county, county DSS workers will be faced with an unprecedented volume of Medicaid applications as well as applications for other county services. Counties must prioritize serving constituent needs above other administrative tasks.

Local CPA firms should work closely with County Managers and DSS directors and consider delaying the testing of Medicaid eligibility samples until 30-45 days after counties have reopened their lobby for on-site services.

Additionally, in response to the pandemic and with the approval of CMS, the State has relaxed eligibility determination policies for recertifications and applications beginning with actions on or after March 1, 2020. In most cases, self-attestation is now valid for most eligibility criteria. In addition to the State Compliance Supplement and the OMB Compliance Supplement, your review of eligibility determinations made after this date will be based on updated policies enumerated in three administrative letters issued to Counties on March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The letters are posted on the DHHS website at the following link:

<https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/health-benefits-nc-medicaid/adult-medicaid/administrative-letters/2020>

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In support of the Medicaid Eligibility Determination testing, we anticipate releasing the Medicaid populations on Friday, May 15, 2020.

Please reach out to Betty Dumas-Beasley or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your partnership as we all work together to develop a new normal.

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*John Thompson*  
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