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The Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore NC Senate 16 West Jones Street, Room 2008 Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Thom Tillis, Speaker NC House of Representatives 16 West Jones Street, Room 2304 Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

Dear President Pro-Tempore Berger and Speaker Tillis:

Pursuant to Section 10.25.(e) of Session Law 2012-142, all changes to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grants administered by the Department of Health and Human Services must be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) and OSBM shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to implementing the changes. The purpose of this letter is to confirm OSBM's approval of the realignment of Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant dollars from Child Care Services Support to Subsidized Child Care Services and to serve as notification to the Commission that OSBM intends to implement this change after fulfilling the consultation requirement.

If further information is needed, please contact Pam Kilpatrick, Assistant State Budget Officer for Health and Human Services, by telephone at 807-4722 or by email at pam.kilpatrick@osbm.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Art Pope

cc: Senator Ralph Hise, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services Senator Louis Pate, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services Representative Marilyn Avila, Chair, House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

Representative William Brisson, Chair, House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

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March 13, 2013

Pam Kilpatrick, Assistant State Budget Officer Office of State Budget and Management 116 West Jones Street Raleigh, NC 27603-8005

Dear Ms Kilpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 10.25(e) of Session Law 2012-142, all changes to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grants administered by the Department of Health and Human Services must be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management and OSBM shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to implementing the changes. The purpose of this letter is to satisfy this reporting requirement for the realignment of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Block Grant dollars. Specifically, the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) identified a need to realign funds from the administrative expenses (nondirect subsidy services support) to the subsidized child care services allocation for the current state fiscal year.

Each year, counties receive CCDF funds for eligibility determination, or nondirect subsidy services support, as part of their subsidy allocation. These amounts are calculated based upon a legislatively prescribed allocation formula that is detailed in the budget bill. For purposes of providing an estimated amount for services support resulting from this formula, overall availability for subsidy funding is estimated prior to final passage of the budget. Once a final budget is passed the allocation is re-rerun based upon final availability of subsidized child care funding as adopted in the budget bill. For SFY 12-13, this was approved in the CCDF legislative block grant plan as \$15,898,602.

The final version of the budget included a net reduction of \$17.4 million to federal funds for child care subsidy. Based upon the subsidy allocation formula, these factors resulted in the maximum amount of CCDF that counties may use for services support to change to \$15,537,907. However, it is possible that this amount may be less, as some counties may choose to use some of those funds for direct services. The total amount of CCDF funds allocated to counties for subsidized child care has not changed. The total reduction to administrative expenses and increase to subsidized child care services is \$360,695.

DCDEE proposes to realign the CCDF subsidized child care services allocation as outlined below.

CCDF Budget Item	As Enacted SL 2012-142	Funds After Realignment
CCDF Subsidized Child Care Services	\$ 154,695,081	\$ 155,055,776
CCDF Child Care Services Support	\$ 15,898,602	\$ 15,537,907
Total	\$ 170,593,683	\$ 170,593,683



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If further information is needed, please contact Janice Fain at DCDEE at 919-662-4535. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Slate, Director

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cc: Joe White, Budget Analyst, Office of State Budget and Management