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The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 311, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 303, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 301N, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2017-57, Section 11.C.7.(a), requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (DSS), to submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services a report on the implementation and outcomes of the Program Improvement Plan. DSS shall implement the requirements of the federal Program Improvement Plan to bring our state into compliance with national standards for child welfare policy and practices. This report is due no later than February 1 and August 1 of each year.

On behalf of Secretary Cohen, the Department of Health and Human Services is notifying you that this report will be delayed as the Department continues to work to finalize the requirements for this report. We will submit the report on or before February 28, 2018.

Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Wayne Black, Director for the Division of Social Services, at 919-527-6335 or Wayne.Black@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH

Secretary

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