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**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair  
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Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
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The Honorable Amy Galey, Chair  
Joint Legislative Administrative  
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The Honorable Sarah Stevens, Chair  
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Dear Chairmen and Directors Matteson and Walker:

As you know, the team at DHHS has been deeply involved in the ongoing Hurricane Helene response efforts. We have been working diligently with our federal, state, and local partners to address critical needs before, during, and after the storm. We are working to help people and communities respond to the initial impact (e.g., provide for basic needs like food, safe water, shelter, ensure access to critical health services, protect vulnerable populations) and help recover and rebuild in the longer term (e.g., prevent or address health concerns, re-open businesses, child care, and schools, and re-establish safe water and waste systems including wells and septic systems). Additionally, mental and behavioral health concerns throughout the immediate response and longer-term recovery phase have been a critical-focus area for the Department.


Due to these efforts, I wanted to notify you that several legislative reports due from the Department in late October/early November will be delayed. In order to enable staff to prioritize their critical hurricane recovery work, our finalization of the following reports will be delayed:

1. GS 143C-9-2(d): Mental Health Trust Fund
2. SL 2019-91, Section 3: State Agency Licensing Boards – Convictions
3. SL 2020-87, Section 2.(a): State Agency Licensing Boards – Military
4. GS 108A-70.43: Medicaid Eligibility Determination Timeliness
5. GS 120-208.4.(b): Annual Lapsed Salary Report
6. GS 143B-139.4B: NC Telepsychiatry Program
7. SL 2016-94, Section 12F.4.(d) & SL 2018-5, Section 11F.2: Dix Property Funds
8. SL 2023-134, Section 9J.6.(d): Federal Child Support Incentive Payments
9. SL 2023-134, Section 9E8.(b): Medicaid Rebase Tracking
10. SL 2023-134, Section 9F.10: Semi-Annual DHSR Report
11. SL 2023-134, Section 9B.1: Use of Directed Grant Funds
12. SL 2023-134, Section 9H.4.(c): Use of JuuL Settlement Funds

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about any of the reports listed above and we will do everything we can to address them.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Department and those we serve.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of Kody H. Kinsley  
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Kody H. Kinsley  
Secretary