

## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services **Division of Medical Assistance Recipient Services EIS**

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Re: Notice Printed on February Medicaid ID Cards

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The notice on the reverse side of this letter will be included on the February Medicaid ID cards for non-SSI, Medicaid-only cases. It is from the Department of Revenue and encourages persons to file their income taxes electronically.

The Department of Revenue and the Division understand that most of our recipients do not file income taxes. However, with Extended Medicaid for Working Families, earned income exclusions, higher income limits and resource protection methodologies, an increasing number of Medicaid recipients are filing income taxes. These recipients may have access to a personal computer for electronic filing. The notice is also to be printed on Work First and State/County Special Assistance checks.

The notice will not be printed on cards for SSI recipients, as they are the least likely of our recipients to have to file income taxes.

Persons who call with questions about this should be instructed to call the Taxpayer Assistance Division of the Department of Revenue at (919) 733-4684.

Nina M. Yeager

## Don't Miss Out .... File Electronically!

Filing electronically is growing in popularity and numbers each tax season. Last year more than 1 million North Carolina individual income tax returns were filed electronically!

VITA/TCE:

**Benefits:** 

- Faster Refunds
- Accurately filed returns
- Acknowledgement that the return has been received
- Federal and State returns can be filed at the same time

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Tax Counseling for the Elderly (VITA/TCE) programs offer free Federal and State tax preparation and electronic filing for low or moderate income, individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking taxpayers and the elderly. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for a location.

Here's How:

• If you have a personal computer, a modem, and approved tax software, you can file your Federal and State returns electronically through the Federal/State Online Program. Some software products may allow free tax preparation and electronic filing depending on your income level. A list of software products and links to the developers' sites are located on the Department of Revenue's website, <u>www.dor.state.nc.us</u> under Electronic Filing Using a Home PC.

• Even if you don't use a computer to prepare your return, many tax professionals will file your Federal and Stale returns electronically for a fee. See Filing Electronically Using a Tax Professional on our website for a list of tax professionals who offer electronic filing.

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