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Dear County Director of Social Services:

It appears likely that some funding will be made available for the NC Health Choice program in the upcoming state budget. The statewide waiting list includes 19,307 children in 13,509 families as of June 7, 2001. While the Division of Medical Assistance is unable to begin the process of opening the NCHC program until authorization is given or a budget is passed, we are beginning to work on the necessary procedures for implementation.

DMA sought county input on how to proceed in reactivating the families on the waiting list. A conference call was held with a county workgroup comprised of directors and Medicaid supervisors from Bladen, Craven, Duplin, Johnston and Sampson counties. The county workgroup decided that it would be best to reinstate cases from the waiting list at one time. DMA will mail a letter to the affected families asking for some information and instructing them to return the letter to their local DSS. Counties will be advised when these letters are mailed.

Prior to completion of the state budget, it is possible that we may be able to open the program on a limited basis based on a continuing budget resolution in the General Assembly. This would allow us to enroll up to 5000 children from the waiting list. Those children on the waiting list the longest would be the first to be reactivated.

Counties will receive instructions for the reactivation process shortly. Attached is a list of the number of children and families by county that were on the waiting list as of June 7, 2001. We hope these numbers will be helpful to you as you begin planning for this process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Medicaid Eligibility Unit at 919-857-4019.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Perruzzi

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Enclosure

NC Health Choice Waiting List As Of June 7, 2001

County	Families	Children
Alamance	223	309
Alexander	76	106
Alleghany	15	18
Anson	44	77
Ashe	57	72
Avery	35	46
Beaufort	135	189
Bertie	69	94
Bladen	56	81
Brunswick	173	230
Buncombe	381	553
Burke	102	144
Cabarrus	167	236
Caldwell	101	128
Camden	10	12
Carteret	107	151
Caswell	28	41
Catawba	172	251
Chatham	89	126
Cherokee	86	118
Chowan	29	38
Clay	21	36
Cleveland	125	162
Columbus	136	171
Craven	141	203
Cumberland	466	650
Currituck	26	47
Dare	72	102
Davidson	274	385
Davie	56	82
Duplin	166	226
Durham	234	353
Edgecombe	169	241
Forsyth	424	575
Franklin	119	181
Gaston	296	406
Gates	21	34
Graham	21	27
Granville	75	107
Greene	54	77
Guilford	608	907

County	Families	Children
Halifax	121	160
Harnett	203	321
Haywood	98	124
Henderson	126	187
Hertford	39	58
Hoke	41	68
Hyde	18	25
Iredell	164	242
Jackson	67	101
Johnston	280	406
Jones	34	47
Lee	129	176
Lenoir	131	189
Lincoln	125	166
Macon	86	126
Madison	38	51
Martin	43	63
McDowell	56	77
Mecklenburg	890	1333
Mitchell	54	72
Montgomery	54	82
Moore	136	185
Nash	201	286
New Hanover	192	277
Northampton	36	51
Onslow	269	389
Orange	96	139
Pamlico	25	36
Pasquotank	53	86
Pender	81	117
Perquimans	26	44
Person	66	91
Pitt	237	326
Polk	38	52
Randolph	263	375
Richmond	107	145
Robeson	304	430
Rockingham	115	169
Rowan	247	324
Rutherford	116	154
Sampson	143	208
Scotland	117	175

County	Families	Children
Stanly	107	161
Stokes	86	120
Surry	153	214
Swain	60	92
Transylvania	53	74
Tyrrel	15	22
Union	168	243
Vance	120	171
Wake	698	1043
Warren	41	69
Washington	29	35
Watauga	52	72
Wayne	225	331
Wilkes	92	135
Wilson	199	282
Yadkin	58	82
Yancey	29	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13509</b>	<b>19307</b>