



A Future Oriented Source of Leadership

July 15, 2020

Rules Review Commission Members
c/o Amber Cronk May
Office of Administrative Hearings
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Raleigh, NC 27699-6714

**Re: Letter of Support for the Social Services Commission Request for Extension of Readoption
Deadline for Periodic Review of Rules 10A NCAC 70M, 71K, 71L, 71O, 71U, 71V, and 71W.**

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS), I am writing to endorse the Social Services Commission's request to extend the deadline for the periodic review of the rules referenced above.

NCACDSS is a non-profit association representing all social services directors across North Carolina. The NCACDSS is a future-oriented source of leadership for its members, policymakers, partners, and the general public that improves public policy and strengthens the capacity of county departments of social services to deliver effective services to families and individuals.

County departments of social services administer these rules that are scheduled for periodic reviews that cover a wide range of social service programs. While county departments of social services have been impacted by this pandemic, they have remained operational and continue to provide services for existing and new consumers. In addition to day-to-day operations, there is continued emergency needs such as homelessness, eviction, overdue utilities, and immediate lack of food. The demands on DSS Directors and their staff administering these programs simply do not have the time to provide feedback in the periodic review of these rules while continuing to support communities during this pandemic.

We hope you will give the request from the Social Services Commission strong consideration. Should you have questions, please contact Sharnese Ransome at sransome@ncacdss.org.

Sincerely,

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