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John Bel Edwards, Governor
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December 5, 2017

The Honorable Frank A. Hoffmann, Chairman
House Committee on Health and Welfare
P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Representative Hoffmann:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Electronic Benefits Issuance System" that was promulgated and published on page 2007 of the October 2017 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, October 10, 2017.

The proposed rule will allow DCFS pursuant to the authority granted by the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), to amend Section 403 to eliminate the dormancy period for inactive Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) benefits. This change will give cardholders longer access to inactive benefits and eliminate the notices to clients regarding dormant benefits.

DCFS held a public hearing on November 28, 2017 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the January 2018 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective February 1, 2018.

Please contact me at (225) 342-9538 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Sammy Guillory
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The Honorable Charles E. Kleckley
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station
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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station
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Dear Senator Mills:

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The Honorable John Alario
President of the Senate
Louisiana State Senate
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Dear Senator Alario:

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