Change Notice for Chapter XI: Interstate/intercountry Services to Children Manual **Date** March 28, 2002

Manual Family Services

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: **Immediately**, make the following changes to the

Family Services Manual, Volume I: Children's Services, Chapter XI, Interstate/Intercountry Services to Children

Attached to this letter is the revised Chapter XI: Interstate/Intercountry Services to Children Manual. The revision is effective April 1, 2002 and incorporates the most updated Interstate Regulations and procedures. New additions to the Manual include the:

Interstate Regulations (these address the "who, what, when and how" questions that arise in regard to the ICPC),

Procedures for interstate adoptive placements,

Procedures for non-compact requests,

Priority Placement polices and procedures, and an

Expanded Appendix with Interstate APA Rules, Priority Placement forms with instructions and the Interstate Service Activity Codes.

Please ensure that all staff members who have responsibility for interstate child placement are provided copies of this new manual or access via the DSS web site. The on-line manual section will be posted on the DSS Division web site by April 4, 2002. The new on-line web address is

http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/childrensservices.

Once on the Division's web page, click on "Quick Links"; next click on "Manuals" and then click on this chapter. Any questions may be addressed to the Children's Services Interstate and Regulatory Team at (919) 733-9464.

Instructions:

Remove Chapter XI, dated 09/93. Replace with Chapter XI dated 04/02.

> Sincerely, Charles C. Harris, Chief Children's Services Section

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