CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: September 26, 2023

MANUAL: WORK FIRST MANUAL

TO: County Directors of Social Services

CHANGE NO: 03-2023

SUBJECT: Policy Updates

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2023

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to provide county staff with clarification as to when the initial assessment of the Strengths and Needs assessment should occur.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

Section I. E. 3 Screenings, Assessments, and Referrals and Section II. Ongoing Assessments has been updated to clarify the frequency of completing the Strengths and Needs Assessment (DSS-5298) to within 6 weeks of the date of application.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective October 1, 2023. Please contact your Continuous Quality Improvement Specialist (CQIS) at <u>DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov</u> with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Allison W. Smith, Deputy Director Economic and Family Services Division of Social Services

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Attachments: WF 117