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The Honorable Patrick P. Cortez President, Louisiana Senate Via Email: <u>APA.Senatepresident@legis.la.gov</u>

The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr. Chairman, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare Via Email: apa.s-h&w@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Clay Schexnayder Speaker, House of Representatives Via Email: APA.Housespeaker@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Larry Bagley Chairman, House Committee on Health and Welfare Via Email: <u>apa.h-hw@legis.la.gov</u>

RE: Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Rulemaking

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled, "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Electronic Benefits Issuance System" that was promulgated and published on page 1259 of the September 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, September 10, 2020.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:III, Subpart 1 General Administrative Procedures, Section 401 is being amended to update the name of the Food Stamp Program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Section 403 is being amended to update the name of the Food Stamp Program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and to change the number of days when SNAP benefits are issued each month.

DCFS held a public hearing on October 27, 2020, 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 December 2020 issue of the Louisiana Register. This Rule is effective January 1, 2021.

Please contact me at (225) 342-4044 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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