



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

JOSH STEIN • Governor
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CARLA WEST • Acting Director, Division of Aging

January 30, 2026

Tracie McMillan, Director
Ashe County Department of Social Services
150 Government Circle - Suite 1400
Jefferson, NC 28640

Dear Ms. McMillan,

Please find enclosed the Ashe County Department of Social Services' Home Management Certificate for Level I service. It is for the period February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2029.

A full on-site review of continuing compliance with the In-Home Aide standards for Home Management will be conducted at least three months before this new certification period ends for the level of Home Management provided directly by your agency. The review will be conducted by staff of the Adult Services Section of DSS when it becomes due. Please encourage your aides and supervisory staff to continue adherence to the standards for provision of Home Management tasks. As you know, certification of Home Management programs, in lieu of licensure, has been granted to the Division of Aging by the licensure section of the Division of Health Services Regulation.

Should you have any questions regarding Home Management Certification, please contact Lorrie Z Roth at 919-855-4986 or lorrie.roth@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Rebecca Freeman, Chief, Services Operations
Division of Aging
Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Parsons, Program Administrator
Jamie Cornett, Adult Service Supervisor
Amanda Miller, Adult Service Supervisor
Zack Green, AAA Director
Katie McCarron, CQIS
Karey Perez, DAAS, Deputy Director – Adult Services
Lorrie Z Roth

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Division of Aging

This is to Certify that

**ASHE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES**

*is in compliance with all In-Home Aide Services-Home Management
requirements for the level of service it provides:*

In-Home Aide Home Management Only

Level I

*This Certificate is issued in accordance with Title 10A
of the North Carolina Administrative Code,
Subchapters 6A and 6X
and will be in effect for the period*

February 1, 2026 – January, 31, 2029

unless revoked before that date.



Tammy Koger

Tammy Koger, Deputy Director – Signing on behalf of Carla West,
Acting Director, Division of Aging

January 30, 2026

Date Issued

This Certificate Remains the Property of the State



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YVONNE COPELAND • Director, Division of Child and Family Well-Being

Date: February 2, 2026

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: County Directors

Subject: FNS Administrative Reimbursement Rate Reduction – Clarification on Contracted Services

Priority: Information

Effective October 1, 2026, the federal reimbursement rate for administrative activities related to the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program will be reduced from 50% to 25%. This change is mandated by HR1, passed in July 2025.

NCDHHS has been made aware of vendors claiming that contracted services will not be affected by the administrative rate reduction. Specifically, vendors have provided materials to counties indicating that while staffing costs reported on the DSS-1571, Part I will be reimbursed at 25%, contract costs reported on Part II will continue to be reimbursed at 50%. This information is not accurate.

Effective October 1, 2026, all FNS administrative costs will be reimbursed at 25%. The Code of Federal Regulations does not make a distinction between costs incurred by employees and those incurred by a contractor doing the same work (see 7 CFR Part 277, Appendix A, Section A-10), nor does HR1 contain any language to this effect.

For guidance on reporting contracted staff, county DSS agencies should consult the DSS Fiscal Manual, Section III, A-24, or contact their Local Business Liaison.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your Local Business Liaison or the Division of Social Services, Business Operations.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Hogan
Deputy Director of Nutrition
Division of Child and Family Well-Being

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