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John Bel Edwards, Governor Marketa Garner Waiters, Secretary

September 9, 2016

The Honorable John A. Alario President of the Senate P. O. Box 94183 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Senator Alario:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Income Exclusions for Public Assistance Programs" that was promulgated and published on page 1143 of the July 2016 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, July 10, 2016.

The proposed amendments will include grant funded research payments as non-countable income for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and cash assistance programs, comply with 7 CFR 273.7, clarify the individuals who are exempt from work participation requirements, and add clarification regarding the alignment of countable income across programs.

DCFS held a public hearing on August 25, 2016 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 October issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective November 1, 2016.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman Senate Committee on Health and Welfare P. O. Box 94183 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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The Honorable Taylor Barras Speaker of the House P. O. Box 94062 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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