

Instructions to County DSS's

Hawkins v. Cohen (5:17-CV-581 E.D.N.C.) is a federal lawsuit filed in 2017 on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries in North Carolina. The Court has ordered N.C. DHHS and all 100 county DSSs to stop terminations or reductions of Medicaid benefits until eligibility under all Medicaid categories has been considered and proper notice of the termination has been sent.

The Court also has ordered that class members be notified of the lawsuit. Among the means of providing notice are the following:

1. The attached notice must be prominently posting for at least 60 days beginning March 1, 2019 at each N.C. County Department of Social Services website. No later than March 8, 2019, counties are required to confirm by email to DHHS at Nora.Owen@dhhs.nc.gov that this posting has occurred.
2. The same notice must be prominently posted for at least 180 days beginning March 1, 2019 in the lobbies of every county Department of Social Services. No later than March 8, 2019, counties are required to confirm by email to DHHS at Nora.Owen@dhhs.nc.gov that this posting has occurred.
3. A different notice will be enclosed with another mailing required by the Court beginning in April or May 2019. Instructions about that mailing will be issued next month.