

# Eligibility Simplification M-edicaid/NCHC

## *Simplification Workgroups*

1. DHHS - Integrated Eligibility - look for ways to align eligibility among the various programs

Vendor - research and analysis

Divisions: DAAS, DMA, DSS, DCD

(Medicaid/NCHC, TANF, FNS, SA, Day Care)

2. DMA/County Workgroup - currently focused on reenrollment process for MIC/NCHC and single application for all programs

County DSS - Gates, Macon, Mecklenburg, Nash, Randolph

Eastern Band of Cherokee

Legal Aid

Other divisions

3. DMA Policy Unit

## *Options*

1. Express Lane - Child on FNS meets Medicaid income  
Children under 19 in FNS and not receiving Medicaid - 145,000  
Cost: At takeup of 2.3%/month:  
\$9 million for SFY 2010, \$46.4 million for SFY 2011

Use FNS determination of income for budgeting Medicaid  
Working on fiscal note

2. Reenrollment Process - Automatic or Ex Parte without requiring return of form  
Starting with MIC/NCHC
3. Other simplification processes:  
Forms, procedures, sources of verification, expand use of electronic matches

**SIMPLIFICATION IS NOT SIMPLE!** *Ruth Kennedy, Louisiana Medicaid*