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***Ma Ma's Day Care  
Family Start With  
Little People***

***Dear Sir/Madam:***

***My name is Anne Harris and I'm the owner of Ma Ma's Group day care provider located at 1435 W Conlyn Street, Phila, PA 19141. After reviewing the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Child Care Regulations, I am concerned about the change regarding school age children and how it negatively affects the rates. "By changing the definition of "young school-age child" to include children in kindergarten, a school-age child care facility will be able to enroll a kindergarten child without incurring the higher costs of providing care to a preschool child. This amendment will facilitate before-and after-school care for kindergarten children". I think that should remain the way it is currently. Due to the fact that there is an excessive amount of calendar days off in public school, whether it is due to holidays or teacher conferences, the children are generally placed in day care for the entire day. Given that information, it is highly unreasonable to reduce day care cost for school age children.***

***Thank you,***



***Anne Harris  
Owner***