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Dear Commissioners,

The Pennsylvania Child Care Association has reviewed the final form regulations for Chapter 168 regulation ID #14-505 (#2549). **PACCA supports the final form regulations. We urge that these regulations be approved and implemented.** PACCA feels strongly that these changes will go a long way in assisting families and providers both for-profit and non-profit. PACCA's membership includes large and small non-profit and for profit child care providers in secular as well as faith based settings.

Child care providers have asked for this very change for decades for many reasons. One obvious reason is payment for service. All child care programs provide care for children subsidized by the Commonwealth before payment. Payment practices between the two systems (CAO & CCIS offices) are vastly different and can have providers waiting for six months or more. Unification would definitely streamline service delivery for parents by making child care subsidy and resource and referral services available in one location. Payment would be through the vendor payment system.

Beyond payment issues, PACCA acknowledges and feels strongly that unification will

- Promote parent choice by providing parents with a broad range of child care options and empowering them to make their own decisions on the type of child care that best meet the needs of the child and the family.
- Improve customer service.
- Increase parent's ability to focus on work/training activities because child has stable consistent child care.
- Enable CAOs to focus on providing the parent with employment/training support while the CCISs focus on supporting the child's developmental needs. This builds on strengths of each office.

In the long run, unification ensures a more seamless transition of child care services when TANF eligibility ends and parents move into the low income working poor status.

Sincerely

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