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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

RE: Comments on Regulation No. 14-505

Dear Mr. Frein:

United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania supports Regulation No. 14-505.

The changes primarily align the policies applicable to families served by the County Assistance Offices with those served by the Child Care Information Service agencies. In so doing they bring the two programs substantially closer to being one unified system of child care - a goal we have long worked toward.

Our support is influenced by the child care agencies with whom we work closely. They indicated to us that they support the proposed changes. In particular, some of the providers enthusiastically endorse the proposal, including these specific proposals:

- 168.2, which regards Sleep-Time Care provided for a child when the parent's work shift ends between the hours of 12 A.M. and 9 A.M. in order to allow the parent time to sleep.
- 168.17(2), which adds a provision to include a child who is considered a mandatory food stamp household member

These are common-sense systemic changes that will help parents receive the child care services that they need in a far more efficient way than under current regulations. United Way stands ready to work with the Commonwealth, parents, and child care providers, to help implement these changes.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Fair  
Vice President for Community Impact