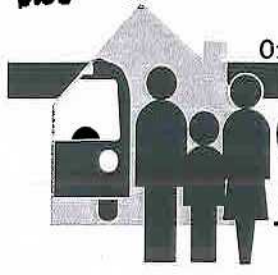


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July 28, 2006

Robert Frein, *Director*
Bureau of Subsidized Child Care Services
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P.O. Box 521
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Mr. Robert Frein,

Attached, you will find our comments in regards to the Proposed Rulemaking: Department of Welfare [55 PA. CODE CH. 168] Child Care (Reference Regulation No. 14-505). Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Welker
Director of Employment and Education Services
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Questions and Comments

1. In order to start childcare as quickly as possible for families, and by not incurring late co-payments or extra costs to the family, can you advise providers on how to work with families prior to receiving the eligibility information?
2. For Childcare Works, when and how will providers be told of the ineligibility for families?
3. How can a more timely system be put into place that will ensure that childcare providers are not penalized because a family is not participating in a work activity, but still attending care?
4. Childcare providers would appreciate having one set of procedures to follow (for Childcare Works and CCIS).
5. How does a center become a provider that requires advance payment? This would help ensure that a provider is not penalized for children who are ineligible, yet still attending care prior to the facility being notified.
6. How are co-payments determined for TANF participants?
7. Currently, Childcare Works pays a center only when the child(ren) attends care, while CCIS pays the center if a child is absent (less than 10 consecutive days). With the changes in Childcare Works, how will facilities be paid based on absences?
8. Currently, CCIS allows families to be "called in" three times due to delinquent fees before they are no longer eligible. With the Childcare Works changes, how many times are families permitted to have delinquent fees before they are no longer eligible for a subsidy?

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