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**Income Maintenance Advisory Committee
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Robert Frein, Director
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Department of Public Welfare
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**Re: Comments on Proposed DPW Child Care
Regulations, 55 Pa. Code Chapter 168
Regulation 14-505**

Dear Mr. Frein:

On behalf of the Income Maintenance Advisory Committee, I am writing to comment on DPW's proposed child care regulations, which were published on July 1, 2006.

We are very troubled by the requirement that parents attend a face-to-face interview at the CCIS in order to get a child care subsidy. Most parents getting a TANF child care subsidy are single moms who do not have the time or money to get to the CCIS for this interview. This is especially true in rural areas, where the CCIS may be 20 or more miles away. Any information that the Department wants to give at these interviews can be given in other ways, such as over the phone. At a minimum, parents should be able to get their child care back once they have participated in this interview, with no gap in coverage.

In addition, we urge the Department to adopt the recommendations made by Community Legal Services, Inc.

Sincerely,



Yvette Long
Chair

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