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Ms. Dorris,

I have attached comments related to Regulation No. 14\_519

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Dear Ms Dorris,

Re: Regulation No.14-519

I am an independent Childcare Health Consultant in SW Pennsylvania and a Maternal/Infant Clinical Nurse Specialist. I would like to make the following comments related to the proposed changes in childcare regulations in Pennsylvania.

I am in support of the gradual increase in continuing education for childcare providers but would like to see that medication administration education be required for all staff administering medication to children. It is imperative that all childcare providers administering medications be adequately educated in the proper procedures of medication administration to ensure safety for all children in care.

The proposed gradual increase to twenty-four hours of continuing education for childcare providers per year is consistent with *Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards* and I am pleased to see additional continuing education required for childcare providers in Pennsylvania. For programs caring for special needs children I would additionally support required continuing education related to the care of these children for center directors and lead classroom teachers/providers.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Gail Ratliff Woomeer