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**Federal Changes to the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program
Parent/Guardian Letter**

Date: October 19, 2017
Parent/Applicant Name:
Address:

Dear Applicant/Co-Applicant:

Re: Changes to the Federal Law that Impact Child Care Providers

You are receiving this letter because our records show that you are a participant in the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program.

In November 2014, a new federal law was passed that may affect your family because child care providers who accept child care subsidies are now required to meet new federal health and safety standards. In order to receive payments from the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program, your child care provider must now be licensed by the Department of Children and Families, Office of Licensing by November 19, 2017.

This means, beginning November 19, 2017, subsidy payments can only be issued to programs that meet the federal health and safety requirements. Therefore, if your child care provider does not become licensed by November 19, 2017 or if your provider no longer plans to accept payment through the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program, you will have a decision to make.

If you decide to stay with a child care provider who does not meet the new requirements, your child's subsidy will be discontinued and you will be responsible for the program's full tuition, fees, and charges. Or you can choose another child care provider that meets federal requirements and can accept your subsidy.

It is very important that you contact the CCR&R if you are not sure if your child's program has met the new licensing requirement. They can also assist in finding alternative child care options for your family. If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact our office at 732-918-9901, Ext. 100 to speak to an eligibility specialist.

Sincerely,

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