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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DSS  
Policy, Program & Development Unit

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson  
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 16 DE Reg. 609 [DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Income Eligibility & Provider Reimbursement Regulation]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Social Services' (DSS) proposal to amend its regulation covering financial eligibility of families participating in the program and provider reimbursement rates. The proposed regulation was published as 16 DE Reg. 609 in the December 1, 2012 issue of the Register of Regulations.

As background, based on findings of the 2011 Delaware Child Care Market Rate Study, the Legislature increased provider rates in this program to 65% of Market Rate plus 50 cents effective October 1, 2011. However, the actual regulation contains outdated family income eligibility and provider reimbursement charts. DSS proposes to eliminate the charts from the regulation and publish them on its Website. This should result in quicker updates.

SCPD endorses the proposed regulation subject to one observation. DSS indicates that the income limits chart is already on the Website. This is accurate. DSS also indicates that the provider rate chart "will be posted" on the Website. As of December 21<sup>st</sup>, SCPD could not locate the provider rate chart. SCPD would like to remind DSS to post the latter chart to facilitate easy access to the information.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position on the proposed regulation.

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