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TO: Child Day Center Licensees and Applicants

FROM: Lynne A. Williams, Director
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SUBJECT: Revisions to Child Day Center (CDC) Standards Regarding (1) Programs Exempt from Licensure and (2) School-aged Children's Use of Playgrounds in Programs Housed in Public or Private Schools

Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers have been revised, effective January 5, 2012, to provide for changes related to programs exempt from licensure and school-aged children's use of playgrounds in programs housed in public or private schools. The changes conform to revisions in the *Code of Virginia* that were passed by the 2011 session of the General Assembly. You were notified of the Code revisions affecting licensed centers in an email sent to you on July 1, 2011 and the information was posted on the Virginia Department of Social Services public website at http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/cdc/intro_page/current_providers/notices/2011_legislative_implementation_memo_for_providers_july_1_2011.pdf. The revisions to the CDC standards were published as a final regulation in the December 5, 2011 *Virginia Register of Regulations*. This action was exempt from the full procedures of the Administrative Process Act, since it was necessary to conform to Code changes and there was no agency discretion involved.

A change was made to Exemption # 2 in the list of exemptions following the definition of "child day center" in 22 VAC 15-30-10. Exceptions were added at 22 VAC 15-30-410 and 22 VAC 15-30-500 so that the standards do not prohibit child day programs providing care for school-age children at a location that is currently approved by the Department of Education or recognized as a private school by the State Board of Education for school occupancy and that houses a public or private school during the school year from permitting school-age children to use outdoor play equipment and areas approved for use by students of the school during school hours.

The revised *Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers* may be found on the DSS public website at http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/cdc/intro_page/code_regulations/regulations/032-05-243-7.pdf

Replacement pages with the changes are also on the same website so that those of you who have a hard copy of the standards can update them with the latest revisions.

If you have any questions, please contact your licensing inspector.