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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: August 30, 2018

TO: Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: Inspections of Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers

This memorandum is to inform you of changes that will be implemented that may include your child day center.

Starting September 10, 2018, The Division of Licensing (DOLP) will initiate unannounced on site compliance inspections in religiously exempt child day centers that do not participate in the subsidy program. DOLP has conducted well over 200 on site Code compliance inspections in religiously exempt child day centers that are approved subsidy vendors since February 2017. The initiation of on-site inspections will ensure compliance with the Virginia Code and will continue to ensure the care and protection of Virginia's most vulnerable population, our children.

The Code of Virginia, 63.2-1716.C. grants the Commissioner the authority to perform on-site inspections of religious institutions to confirm compliance with the provisions of this section and to investigate complaints of this section.

In the next few months, you will be receiving information regarding changes made to forms and other relevant documentation that relate to the operation of your program. These updated resources will offer providers clear instructions and expectations regarding code compliance.

If you have any questions, you may contact the regional licensing office in your area. Regional licensing office contact information can be found by accessing the link below:

<http://dss.virginia.gov/about/licensing.cgi>