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Dear Parent:

I am writing to remind you of some upcoming changes to the voucher subsidy system managed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

- By October 1, 2009 all providers who accept child care vouchers will need to join *Quality for ME*, our state's quality rating system. This date has been extended to allow time for the rulemaking process related to subsidy changes.
- This means that your current child care provider must join *Quality for ME* if you intend to continue using a voucher for your child's participation in their program after October, 1, 2009.

Joining the quality rating system will offer your child care provider access to many statewide initiatives that support them in providing high quality child care. *Quality for ME* also provides parents with an easy-to-use rating system as they make choices about care for their children.

I encourage you to talk with your child care provider about his or her participation. If your child care provider decides not to participate in the *Quality for ME*, you will need to find a new provider in order to continue using your subsidy voucher. Your local Resource Development Center can provide child care referrals and can be reached by calling 1-888-917-1100.

If you have any questions about this change or the *Quality for ME* program please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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