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Dear Licensed Child Care Provider:

As you may be aware, child care providers who accept child care subsidy vouchers will be required to join Quality for ME, Maine's Early Care and Education Rating System. The date has been extended to October 1, 2009 in order to accommodate the rulemaking process related to subsidy.

The first step in joining the Quality Rating System is to enroll in the Maine Roads to Quality Provider Registry. All staff members must join the Registry. Online access is available at: <https://mrtq.musk.usm.maine.edu/public/login.aspx>

Please allow yourself enough time to complete this application and submit your training certificates and transcripts. If you have questions about the Registry, you may call 1-888-900-0055.

Once you have received a certificate from MRTQ, you can apply for Quality for ME at <http://www.qualityforme.org/qcare/login.aspx>. Please be sure to review the application manual for a full explanation of Quality for ME requirements at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/qrs_application_manual.pdf.

If you have any questions about the Quality for ME application process, you can contact Kristen Slefinger at 624-7917 or kristen.slefinger@maine.gov. Your Education Specialist from your local Resource Development Center is also available to support you in joining the system and improving your quality rating.

Sincerely,

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