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Dear Child Care Provider:

Application of DFD Child Care Sanction Policy

All providers receiving federal or state funding for child care services must meet certain criteria and be in good standing or in compliance with all required Federal and State laws, and program regulations to be eligible to receive government funding. In addition, parents/guardians are required, at all times, to comply with New Jersey's subsidized child care program regulations and policies.

Any type of program violation including, but not limited to, falsification of records, non-use and misuse of the E-Child Care (ECC) system, fraud, and intentional program violations will subject the provider to penalties and sanctions that may include suspension, termination, criminal investigation and/or recoupment of payment, if the provider is found by DFD to be in violation of New Jersey's child care assistance program. This is consistent with the DFD regulations at N.J.A.C.10:84-2.1 et seq., Exclusion from Contract Participation in the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development Programs, Pilot Projects, or Initiatives (Suspension, Debarment, and Disqualification).

A case of program violation can be brought to the Department of Human Services Division of Family Development's (DFD) attention through a variety of sources, such as a phone call, letter, e-mail, newspaper article, television news broadcast, personal knowledge, or through state databases used during the normal applicant eligibility determination process. There are two categorical types of program violations: Failure to Properly Utilize ECC, and Intentional Program Violations.

Enclosed, please find the policy and procedures for Providers and Parents regarding the DFD Child Care Sanction Policy. Please read the enclosed policies and share with your parents the impact to subsidy for child care resulting from non-utilization or misuse of the E-Child Care system (ECC).

Sincerely,

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