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Dear ICCP Provider,

Thank you for your dedication to serving children and families who receive child care assistance through the **Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP)**. You play a critical role in the success of the children you care for and we value your commitment as a teacher and a caregiver.

As many of you know, the Child Care Development Block Grant was reauthorized and signed into law on November 19, 2014. This federal law includes several improvements that will impact families and child care providers. We had the opportunity to meet with many of you over the past several months to share these upcoming changes and held public hearings on draft changes in February 2016 and again in June 2016.

We'd like to highlight some of the changes that will impact you as a provider:

- Beginning September 28, 2016, notices from IDHW are changing:
 - You will no longer receive an estimated payment notice at the beginning of each month (Effective for October 1st).
 - You will receive a notice for each family eligible for ICCP and being served in October by October 5th.
 - You will now receive a notice when a family's payment amount changes. If the payment to the provider is the same, no notice will be sent.
 - The check you receive beginning the month of November will not include a stub showing which families the check covers. The statement showing which families were paid will look different and come in a separate envelope.
- New training requirement for all providers beginning November 1, 2016.
- Enhanced background checks, and a new obligation to renew them every 5 years.
- Requirement of Emergency Preparedness Plans for every child care provider.
- After a facility's first inspection, all future annual health inspections will be unannounced.
- An updated Provider Agreement detailing the new requirements will be sent when you renew.

For more information about impacts to ICCP participating providers, please see the ICCP section on the IdahoSTARS website: <http://www.idahostars.org/?q=ICCP>

Changes that will impact the ICCP families that you serve:

- **Payment rates for October services may change** due to updated Market Rate Study.
- Beginning September 28, 2016, notices to families will look different.
- IDHW will re-evaluate an ICCP family every 12 months instead of every 6 months.

If you are not currently enrolled in the IdahoSTARS' **Professional Development System (PDS)**, I would encourage you to do so. PDS is the gateway to access training and education about child care and early education. The **Child Care Resource Center (CCRC)** in your Region can assist you in enrolling in the PDS and answer questions you may have. Visit www.idahostars.org or call 2-1-1 to find the CCRC office near you.

Respectfully,

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