



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

October 12, 2012

Dear Parents,

DECCD is dedicated to ensuring that the Mississippi Child Care Payment Program functions as efficiently as possible. We are very excited about the upcoming changes with the addition of the Mississippi eChildcare Program. At the public hearing held on October 10, 2012, we heard providers concerns about the time frame of the pilot phase and we want to be certain that the system works smoothly for parents and child care providers. We have decided to extend our period of pilot testing. Additional pilot testing allows DECCD and Xerox to explore strengthening the processes to ensure the highest possible customer service. You will still need to go to the MDHS county offices to update your child care case eligibility information as previously instructed if you haven't already.

Sincerely,

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