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TO: Mississippi Child Care Payment Program Participants
Mississippi Child Care Payment Program Slot Contractors
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SUBJECT: Changes of payment policy for eChildcare pilot providers only

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to offer further clarification and change to payment policies for those providers involved in the voluntary pilot of Mississippi eChildcare.

The MDHS DECCD is making the following changes to policy in the following sections of Chapter 2 of the current policy manual:

Ch. 2: Section 104.02(7):

(7.) DECCD will not pay if one or more of the following occurs:

- ~~i. The client did not record attendance timely for days and times their child was in care.~~
- ~~ii. The client failed to get denied check ins/outs corrected within seven days.~~
- iii. i. The child is absent and has exceeded the maximum number of allowed absence days.
- ii. When a POS machine is used to record child attendance, parents must record child absences in order for providers to be paid for the allowed paid absence days. Parents are responsible for payment to providers for any absences not paid by DECCD for this reason.

Ch. 2: Section 104.03(7):

(7.) DECCD will not pay if one or more of the following occurs:

- i. The provider failed to report any errors on the child's certificate that would cause payment to calculate incorrectly within 10 days of issuance of the certificate copy to the provider.
- ii. The provider failed to report an error with a payment using the Provider Report of Underpayment Form within 10 days of issuance of payment to the provider.

Ch. 2: Section 105.02(6):

(6.) Payments will not be issued for care provided prior to a provider's approval with DECCD, or prior to the issuance of a certificate to a child.

Ch. 2: Section 105.03(1):

- (1) ~~Licensed providers must file a copy of the center's published rates with DECCD annually.~~ Providers are not allowed to charge a higher rate to families in the certificate program than the rate charged to the general public.

Ch. 2: Section 106.02(7):

- (7) ~~If a parent fails to use the POS or IVR system to record child attendance seven times within a program year, the certificate will be terminated.~~

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