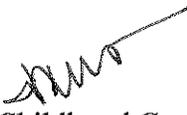


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TO: Mississippi Child Care Payment Program Participants  
Mississippi Child Care Payment Program Slot Contractors  
DECCD Staff

FROM: Jill Dent, Director   
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DATE: July 3, 2013

SUBJECT: July 5, 2013 Additional Paid Holiday

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Governor Phil Bryant has declared July 5, 2013 as a state holiday. Section 105.01(9) of the Mississippi Child Care Payment Program Policy Manual states:

*DECCD will pay for up to 11 holidays for the period beginning October 1 through September 30. If the Governor allows days in addition to the list below in observance of a holiday, providers will be notified that they are also allowed these extra days. If the identified holiday falls on a weekend, the DECCD Director will designate weekdays to observe the holiday at their discretion.*

In accordance with the policy referenced above, July 5, 2013 will be a paid holiday for licensed child care providers.

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