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Dear ICCP Provider,

Thank you for your hard work serving Idaho's children as an early educator and caregiver! We are writing to share updates to child care in Idaho that may impact your work.

The Child Care Development Block Grant was reauthorized and signed into federal law in November 2014. You have probably noticed this law included several improvements that impacted your work and the families you serve. In November 2016, additional federal rules that further clarified the requirements went into effect. As Idaho continues to work on implementing the most recent requirements, there are changes and improvements for all providers:

2018 ICCP Phase Out Updates:

- Beginning in July, only families who have income between 130-150% of the Federal Poverty Limit will qualify for Phase Out.
- Phase Out will change from 3 months of continued benefits, to 12 months of continued benefits. The family will qualify for 75% of the standard ICCP payment. The family will need to pay their full co-pay plus the additional 25%.
- Notices to families will indicate that they are in Phase Out, and specify the amount that ICCP will pay.
- Notices to providers will continue to specify the amount that ICCP will pay.
- Providers should encourage *the families* to contact DHW if they have questions about their case.

2018 Background Check Updates:

- For all providers (not just ICCP) background checks must be completed and CLEARED before any staff person works with children.
- The DHW Criminal History Unit is refining their process to help child care staff access background check appointments more quickly.

2018 Safe Sleep Updates:

- Safe Sleep practices required for all ICCP providers beginning July 2018.

ICCP and IdahoSTARS staff will be touring the state and visiting with providers about these changes. Please watch for future information about ICCP Open Forums and make plans to attend. For help with any questions, child care providers are encouraged to visit www.idahostars.org or call 2-1-1 to find the IdahoSTARS Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) near you.

Respectfully,

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