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Dear Resource Family:

Regarding: Daycare Authorization and Payment Changes

Effective April 1, 2020 the Office of Children's Services (OCS) is implementing changes to how child care is authorized and the payment is processed.

As part of this process, you and your foster child's daycare vendor will be sent a new authorization. This authorization will include the unit of care (child's type of attendance) authorized for the child and the anticipated payment to be made by the State of Alaska. The payment amount will no longer be a flat rate. The payment amount will be based on the remainder, after the State Rate (identified on the Child Care Assistance Program Rate Schedule) has been deducted from the child care vendor's rate.

You will continue to pay your selected child care provider the difference in the provider's charges and what the State pays on your behalf, however, this amount may be different due to the change in payment amounts.

You and your selected child care provider will receive a copy of the *Child Care Assistance Authorization* document.

Your child care vendor has also been notified of these changes and can explain to you how this change will impact your payment. If you have questions about this notification or regarding the unit of care authorized, our OCS childcare team is available to answer your questions. Please feel free to call 465-5648 anytime between 8:00 and 4:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Dee Pearson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Pearson".

Provider Payments Program Coordinator