



Bruce Rauner, Governor

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO  
LICENSE EXEMPT CHILD CARE CENTERS  
REGARDING CHANGES TO THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

License Exempt Care Centers,

Thank you for the hard work and dedication that you provide for the families of Illinois. At the Illinois Department of Human Services our goal is to ensure that children are safe and in stimulating environments that support their learning and healthy development. We appreciate your support in achieving that goal and we thank you for your continued patience as we implement changes that may affect you.

These changes are in accordance with Public Act 099-0699 that amended the Child Care Act and signed into law effective July 29, 2016.

A child care center not licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) must identify the exemption under which it operates. In addition, all license exempt centers are required to comply with the regulations for the particular category of exemption the entity claims.

You will now be required to get written verification of the exemption from your local Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Day Care Licensing Office. In other cases, your program or facility may now require licensure by DCFS in order to be approved for payment from the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

**Existing License Exempt Center Providers Currently Approved**

A facility, entity, or agency that has been previously approved as License Exempt Child Care Center will need to have its exemption confirmed in writing by DCFS. You will need to complete Form CFS 672-6 and submit an Exemption Packet to DCFS for confirmation of your exemption in writing.

**Any Agency, Entity, or Child Care Center Requesting Exemption from Licensure**

All agencies, entities or Child Care Center not currently approved for exemption must complete Form CFS 672-6 and submit an Exemption Packet to DCFS for confirmation of your exemption in writing prior to approval by CCAP.

**Current Licensed Child Care Centers Surrendering or Not Renewing an Expiring License**

A child care center with a current DCFS license that intends to surrender or not renew an expiring license should notify DCFS in writing, and submit an Exemption Packet to DCFS for confirmation of your exemption for continued approval by CCAP. Such programs must also consider the DHS payment rate differential for license exempt centers applicable to the county where service occurs. Please refer to the DHS CCAP Policy Manual Section 06.05.01 - Payment Rates.

For online access to the fillable Form CFS672-6, please go to the CCAP Policy Manual on the DHS Website and search for: **Policy 05.02.03 – License Exempt Center Certification.**

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact your CCR&R. Please refer to the listing below for the CCR&R Agency serving your area.

**Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies**

<p><b>Boone, JoDavie, Stephenson, Winnebago</b>          YWCA Child Care Solutions          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          4990 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108          888-225-7072 (voice) or 815-484-9442 (voice)          815-484-9442 (TTY)</p>	<p><b>DeWitt, Ford, Livingston, McLean</b>          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral Network          207 W. Jefferson, Suite 301, Bloomington, IL 61701          800-437-8256 (voice) or 309-828-1892 (voice)</p>
<p><b>Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Whiteside</b>          Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C)          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          155 N. Third, Suite 300, DeKalb, IL 60115          800-848-8727 (voice) or 815-758-8149 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Champaign, Douglas, Iroquois, Macon, Piatt, Vermilion</b>          Child Care Resource Service          University of Illinois, 314 Bevier Hall          905 S. Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801          800-325-5516 (voice) or 217-333-3252 (voice)          217-244-9666 (TTY)</p>
<p><b>Lake</b>          YWCA Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          YWCA Lake County          1425 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 180, Gurnee, IL 60031          847-662-4247 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, Moultrie, Shelby</b>          School of Family &amp; Consumer Sciences          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          Eastern Illinois University, Klehm Hall          600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920          800-643-1026 (voice) or 217-581-7081 (voice)</p>
<p><b>DuPage, Kane</b>          YWCA Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          2055 Army Trail Road, Suite 140, Addison, IL 60101          630-790-6600 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Pike, Schuyler</b>          West Central Child Care Connection          WCU Building, Room 610          510 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301          800-782-7318 (voice) or 217-222-2550 (voice)</p>
<p><b>Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, Will</b>          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          801 N. Larkin, Suite 202, Joliet, IL 60435          800-641-4622 (voice) or 815-741-4622 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott</b>          Community Connection Point,          901 South Spring Street, Suite B, Springfield, IL 62704          800-676-2805 or 217-525-2805 (voice &amp; TTY)</p>
<p><b>Cook</b>          Illinois Action for Children Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          1340 South Damen Avenue, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60608          312-823-1100 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington</b>          Children’s Home and Aid Child Care Resource &amp; Referral Program          2133 Johnson Road, Suite 100A          Granite City, IL 62040          800-647-9200 (voice) or 618-425-9136 (voice)</p>
<p><b>Henderson, Henry, Knox, McDonough, Mercer, Rock Island, Warren</b>          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral of Midwestern Illinois          4508 41st Street, Moline, IL 61265          309-205-3070 (voice) or 866-370-4566 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash, Wayne</b>          Project CHILD — Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          327 Potomac Blvd., Suite C, P.O. Box 827          Mt. Vernon, IL 62864          800-362-7257 (voice) or 618-244-2210 (voice)</p>
<p><b>Bureau, Fulton, LaSalle, Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell, Woodford</b>          SAL Family and Community Services Child Care Connection          3425 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, IL 61604          800-421-4371 (voice) or 309-686-3750 (voice)</p>	<p><b>Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, White, Williamson</b>          Child Care Resource &amp; Referral          John A. Logan College, 700 Logan College Road          Carterville, IL 62918          800-548-5563 (voice)</p>

**Your Exemption Confirmation Letter from DCFS must be received by January 1, 2018**