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MEMORANDUM

March 24, 2005

TO: Sylvia Sloan, Unit Manager, Field Fiscal Services Unit
Camille Harvin, Unit Manager, Field Fiscal Services Unit

FROM: Gail Ormsby, Unit Manager, State Child Care Unit 

RE: Changes to the Tiered Reimbursement Pilot Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Regional Accounting of important changes to the current Tiered Reimbursement pilot program. These changes are necessary because of future plans to implement a statewide quality initiative that will be administered by Bright From the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). DECAL will send out information about this new quality initiative later this year.

The Tiered Reimbursement program will end June 30, 2005. Applications for the Tiered Reimbursement program will not be accepted after March 31, 2005. To support this change, the following steps are required:

- Beginning the first service week of April 2005, tier payments for all providers participating in the program will change.
- Tier payments for the months of April 2005, May 2005, and June 2005 will no longer be calculated on the Tiered Reimbursement invoice by Regional Accounting staff.
- The State Child Care Unit will calculate the tier payments for all eligible providers for April 2005 through June 2005. A spreadsheet will be completed listing the eligible providers and the tier amount to be issued to each provider.
- All eligible providers will receive a one-time lump sum tier payment for these three months.
- A detailed letter, outlining what this change means for their program, will be mailed to all providers participating in the Tiered Reimbursement pilot program by March 31, 2005.

It has been a pleasure working with you on the Tiered Reimbursement program. We appreciate your hard work and the opportunity to partner with you to serve Georgia's children and families. If you have questions about these changes, please contact Gloria Washington at (404) 463-2237.

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