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To: All Approved Child Care Subsidy Vendors in Virginia

Copy: Local Directors, Child Care Local Case Managers and Supervisors, DSS Regional

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Subject: Child Care Subsidy Program – Updated Purchase of Service Orders

Dear Child Care Subsidy Provider,

This email is to notify you of adjustments to payment rates within the Child Care Subsidy Program. Effective August 1, 2023 a new two-year-old age group and reimbursement rate were implemented in the Child Care Subsidy Program for all vendors. New purchase orders (POSOs) were generated this week to reflect the changes to age ranges for two-year olds (children from 24 months up to 36 months) and preschoolers (children from 36 months up to the age of eligibility to attend public school).

Additionally, the Maximum Reimbursement Rates (MRR) for all Family Day Home providers have increased to fully reflect the cost of care based on VDOE's cost estimation model. This means that there will be a single, higher rate for all age groups.

The <u>Maximum Reimbursement Rates</u> and the revised <u>Child Care Subsidy Program guidance manual</u> can be found online on Child Care VA.

New purchase orders are being printed and mailed to all vendors reflecting the new rates. An issue has been reported with some online purchase orders showing blank child care rates in EPPIC. The two-year-old age group and rate will not display on the POSOs in EPPIC, but the paper POSOs should be accurate.

If you have any concerns regarding your new POSOs once you receive them in the mail, please contact your Local Department of Social Services.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Child Care subsidy Program and your service to children and families.