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## Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

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**NOTICE TO:** Licensed Day Care Center Owners/Administrators

**REFERENCE:** Revisions to Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers

FROM: Erwin McEwen, Director

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

The following is a summary of the significant amendments to the recently adopted **Part 407**, **Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers.** 

In Section 407.250, the Department now requires that day care centers make parents aware of The Missing Children Records Act mandate that they must submit a certified copy of their child's birth certificate or equivalent documentation before their child is enrolled.

In Section 407.310, the Department now requires that centers comply with IDPH's Hearing and Vision Screening Codes and the Illinois Child Vision and Hearing Test Act.

In Section 407.340, the Department clarified current policy for counting urinals in meeting the toilet/child ratio.

In Section 407.350, the Department changed language regarding SIDS to comport with prevailing standards.

In **Section 407.370**, the Department added language to ensure that day care centers make parents aware of the center's pesticide policy before their children are enrolled.

A current copy of Rules 407 can be downloaded from the Department website at: www.state.il.us/dcfs.

Day care providers should direct questions to their local licensing representative.

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