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Dear Child Placement Agency:

In July 2007, Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Supplemental Supervision was expanded to include foster parents who are monitored by child placement agencies (CPA). All services available to DFCS foster parents, including CAPS, were made available to CPA foster parents. Child reimbursements for care (as well as registration fee) are paid directly to child care providers through MAXIMUMS, Inc., the State Payment Management Agent (SPMA). The Social Services Case Manager shall establish if childcare services are needed before placement is made with the caregiver and at each periodic visit. All children in the custody of DFCS who need child care services must be referred to CAPS within twenty-four (24) hours of the foster parent, CPA or relative requesting childcare. The date that the CAPS case manager receives the referral from the Social Services case manager is used as the date to begin paying the provider for childcare services.

The Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program may reimburse child care providers up to the DFCS maximum weekly rate. However, due to unforeseen service transition issues, there are some Child Placement Agencies who have voluntarily covered the cost of child care for foster children and are requesting reimbursement from the state. In order to address this issue we are requesting that your agency submit a copy of receipts for child care expenses that have been reported to the Department of Human Resources through the Social Services Provider Relation or Child Care Units. If you have submitted your receipts to the DFCS payment center, please disregard this request.

If you have not submitted your receipts, please mail them to DFCS payment center that pays your per diem by close of business April 30, 2008. If you have any questions contact Jenetta Nelson at 404.463.7347 or email her at jnnelson@dhr.state.ga.us.

We apologize for any inconvenience your agency has experienced during this transition. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly W. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Beverly W. Jones, Deputy Director
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