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TO: RBWO Child Placing Agency (CPA):

This letter is to advise your agency of rate reductions for CPA Traditional, Base, and Maximum Watchful Oversight programs effective October, 1, 2008. As outlined in our current Out-Of-Home-Care contract, rates may be legally altered should the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) lose funding. In this regard, DHR has experienced an overall six (6) percent reduction in state funding, consequently necessitating a reduction in three (3) CPA per diem program rates. The rate changes affect the agency rates only, with payments to your foster parents remaining unchanged. For clarification, the rate reductions were determined by increasing the caseloads for "field" case support staff versus that which was used in constructing the current per diem rates.

Should your agency not accept the revised per diems as outlined below in conjunction with receipt of an amended contract, this serves as our formal notification that your contract will be terminated effective October, 1, 2008. This termination will be governed by the Room, Board & Watchful Oversight contract terms as outlined under Paragraph 108.B (reduced funding clause). In the event you choose not to accept the contract revision, please contact both Yvonne Rodgers via e-mail ylrogers@dhr.state.ga.us and Richard O'Neill raoneill@dhr.ga.gov at your earliest opportunity, advising same. Upon receipt of your declaration of no intent to sign the amended contract, we will work closely with your agency to complete transition plans for your current placements to ensure a smooth transition for affected placements.

	Revised Agency Rate	Current Agency Rate
Traditional	\$17.96	\$21.44
Base	\$24.05	\$29.02
Max WO	\$32.59	\$40.07

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We recognize the impact of this action, but unfortunately a significant reduction in state revenues necessitates difficult decisions and subsequent actions. As always, we appreciate and value your continuing partnership in caring for the most vulnerable children in Georgia.

Please feel free to contact Yvonne or Richard with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Statton

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