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To all IDHS Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Clients and Providers:

This notice is to inform you of a recent decision concerning Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) payments.

A court decree handed down in St. Claire County authorizes payments to the individual providers who receive their pay directly from the Comptroller. DHS has no authority under court order or appropriation to pay the centers and agencies. As with other providers and vendors, their payments will be delayed until a budget is in place.

Given this decision, all home child care providers who provide services in either their home or the home of the child (both licensed and license-exempt), and are not part of a Child Care Home Network will continue to be paid by the established CCAP process and on the current time frames. Child Care Certificates will continue to be sent to providers and be entered into the State payment system.

Child care centers and home networks will be paid retroactively for services provided after July 1 for all approved children ONCE A BUDGET IS PASSED. Child Care Certificates and Certificate Reports (for centers) will continue to be sent for all eligible families. Center and home network providers should continue to complete the Certificates and mail into the CCR&R as usual. Once a budget is in place for the fiscal year that began on July 1, IDHS will begin approving payments based on the date the payment was entered into the system. We will be able to process around \$14 million in payments each day for the Comptroller's office to issue.

We are unable at this time to say when center and network providers who will experience delays in payments should expect to receive payments. The time frames depend on when a State budget is approved and how many payments are on hold waiting to be paid at the time funding is available.