

**Summary of Labor Mangement Meeting with SEIU/Department of Early Learning/Department of And the newly form office of DCYC – November 15, 2017**

**Topics Discussed:**

<p><b>Safe Water – Water Testing</b></p> <p><b>What Agencies Who Testing;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL has a posted on their website tip sheets – where and how in 3 languages (English/Spanish and Somali)</li> </ul> <p><b>What levels require action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only above actionable levels. Levels located on tip sheet, amount is 20. Need to ensure children are not ingesting water, possible to do without closing any facilities. If your results are above 20, you need to submit your results to your licensure.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rules or DEL policy on the new rule about intentional overpayments –</b></p> <p>Quality assurance team completes audits o attendance records. If a provider has a payment made beyond allowable, the result is an overpayment. Example: If you are only open Monday through Friday although the invoice may read 23 units, you should only claim the 20-21 units.</p> <p>Rules defining intentional program violation, suspected fraud, and other definitions by December 2017. OTS-9070.1</p> <p>Q: How does a provider bill outside of an authorization?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occurs when a provider bills an amount that exceeds the amount of authorization. This happens when attendance or days of service may not align with the amount invoiced. This may not be identified until after the provider has been paid.</li> </ul> <p>Q: How does DEL/DSHS inform providers about what the reason was behind an overpayment, especially when it was long ago?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL Action: What is being identified and how is it addressed in subsidy billing training and technical assistance provided? (connection to schedule, what exactly needs to be submitted). The updated guide will not include rules that will be in place in December 2017.</li> <li>• DEL Action: Coordinate review of letters that goes out to ensure all information is included.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL Action Item: They will define the process and procedures with Union/SEIU for Family Home input into this process.</li> <li>• DEL Action Item: Communication – through email and invoice trailer.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implementing CBA (collective bargaining agreement) updates, including 5 Professional Development Days</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL Action: Subsidy billing training will be updated and will include detailed information about billing process, will include current DEL interpretation of Professional Development days. The current understanding under the CBA that you are able to close your facility for 5 days for professional development and these days can be added to your invoice not exceeding the unit added.</li> </ul>	<p><b>FFN MERIT registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL is interested in identifying ways to support the field with MERIT registration, including the need for FFN providers to have STARS IDs for upcoming requirements.</li> </ul> <p>AN FFN provider is a family or friends who takes care of 3 or 4 kiddos and the State pays their rate</p>
<p><b>Electronic Attendance Implementation – training to the Field</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEL need providers to understand that the attendance system doesn't directly connect to the invoice process (SSPS) it merely takes accurate attendance.</li> <li>• If you have another online attendance program you do not have to register with the States electronic attendance. AND there are "free" electronic attendance programs that are out there.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2% EA implementation for payment – timeline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial communication has gone out to providers. Have communication with Child Care Aware and licensing to support provider. Union won a settlement with DEL for providers who have not received their tiered reimbursement. (Providers must have a SWV number)</li> <li>• Those who didn't receive an amount that was less than \$750, they will get an extra NBG (grant) over 750 providers state wide will receive the difference through the SSPS payment.</li> </ul>

If you are interested in being more involved with the bargaining of your Family Child Care Home, please contact me. There are many meetings that are hosted via Webinar links during quiet time hours. I would love to see and hear more voices of your personal needs with these upcoming changes.

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**Q: What is the DCYF?**

July 16, 2017 Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill to restructure how the state serves at-risk children and youth by creating the Department of Children, Youth and Families. The governor also appointed Ross Hunter, director of the state's Department of Early Learning, to lead DCYF.

The new agency, after a yearlong transition period that begins this month, will oversee several services now offered through the state Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Early Learning. These include all programs from the Children's Administration in DSHS such as Child Protective Services, the Family Assessment Response program and adoption support, as well as all DEL services, including the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program for preschoolers and Working Connections Child Care.

Starting in July 2019, the new department also will administer programs offered by the Juvenile Rehabilitation office and the Office of Juvenile Justice in DSHS. Those programs include juvenile rehabilitation institutions, community facilities and parole services.