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GOVERNOR JEFF COLYER, M.D.
JEFF ANDERSEN, SECRETARY

June 5, 2018

RE: Amended Regulations for Day Care Homes, Group Day Care Homes, Child Care Center and Preschools, School Age Programs, and Drop-In Programs

Dear Child Care Provider:

The following amended regulations were adopted by the Secretary of Health and Environment and published in the Kansas Register on May 23, 2018. The regulations are effective June 7, 2018. Updated information including a copy of the Kansas Register with the adopted regulations are available on the Child Care Licensing website www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet.

Amended Regulation for Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes, Child Care Centers and Preschools

K.A.R. 28-4-125 Background Checks

Amended Regulation for School Age Programs

K.A.R. 28-4-584 Background Checks

Amended Regulation for Drop-In Programs

K.A.R. 28-4-705 Background Checks

Points to Remember:

- The proposed regulations were available for public comment beginning March 1, 2018 and ended after the public hearing on May 9, 2018. Comments were received from the regulated community, parents of children in care, licensing surveyors, other interested parties and state and national organizations. KDHE considered all comments received.
- The amended regulations specify which individuals will be required to have name-based background checks and who must have fingerprint-based background checks.

The Child Care Licensing Program will be hosting provider instructional webinars to introduce and demonstrate how to navigate the KDHE Child Care Licensing Provider Access Portal. The portal is a web-based system that allows initial and renewal applications to be submitted and the ability to update or add new affiliates to begin the background check process. The length of time from a provider submitting an individual's name for a background check to completion of the process will be greatly reduced if the Provider Access Portal is used. Each webinar will be 1 hour in length and a certificate of attendance will be emailed to participants who register

and remain on the webinar the entire length of the webinar. Check the website, www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet, in the near future, for webinar registration information and any additional updates related to the background check process.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Kansas children and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Steelman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lori Steelman, Director
Child Care Licensing Program