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Dear Parent:

An important change for child care payments will take effect the week of March 30, 2008.

The family co-payment schedule for certified child care will increase on March 30, 2008 to comply with federal requirements.

Since 1997, the child care subsidy program has required a co-payment by the family as a portion of the total cost of authorized child care. There was a different co-payment responsibility for choosing licensed care versus certified child care.

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services recently informed the Department that the practice of having lower co-payments for certified child care is out of compliance. The Department must adjust the co-payment schedule or risk Wisconsin losing \$82 million.

New Policy:

In order to comply with federal requirements, the Department of Workforce Development will implement the same co-payment amounts for certified child care and licensed child care programs. The co-payments for parents who use certified child care will **increase** to the same level as is currently in place for licensed child care

For example, this will mean for a family of 2 with an income at 100% of the Federal Poverty Level, and using certified child care, you will need to pay \$19 per week instead of paying a \$13 co-payment.

For web resources, see: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/policychanges2008.htm>

You will also be receiving a statement of your new co-payment amount on Monday, March 24th. If you have any questions, please call your county or tribal worker.

Sincerely,

Laura Saterfield
Section Chief
Child Care Section

This letter is available in Hmong and Spanish on the internet at
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dws/programs/childcare/wishshares/policychanges2008.htm>.

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