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**RE: DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Program, Child Support Policies Regulation [18 DE Reg. 514 (01/01/15)]**

Dear Ms. Summers:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Division of Social Services (DSS) proposal to amend policies in its manual regarding the Child Care Subsidy Program, Child Support Policies and Procedures. The Division of Social Services (DSS) is removing and amending child support rules that require a client to cooperate with the Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) as a condition for eligibility for subsidized child care services. The current rule creates unintended delays and barriers to accessing child care services to low income working families seeking assistance. The GACEC **endorses** the proposed amendment since the Child Care Subsidy Program is an important support service for individuals enrolled in vocational training or engaging in employment.

Council would also like to share one minor observation. Section 11004.11 refers to a six month interim report. Council did not identify any other references to a six-month report within Chapter 11000. DSS may wish to assess whether the six-month report is still current practice.

If you have any questions on our comments, please contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Overmiller  
Chairperson

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