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**Illinois Department of Children & Family Services**

**TO:** Group Day Care Home Providers  
**FROM:** Dixie Lee Peterson   
**DATE:** December 2011  
**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Changes to Licensing Standards**

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The Department has proposed changes to Part 408, Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes. The proposed changes include the following:

**Gateways to Opportunity Registry**

To increase professionalism and quality of care at group day care homes in Illinois, starting July 1, 2012, the Department will require all new group day care home applicants and assistants, and all currently licensed home care caregivers and assistants, to be registered in the "Gateways to Opportunity Registry." The registry allows child care providers to receive resources and tools to improve the quality and accountability for early care and education.

These amendments also allow the Department to automatically enroll providers into the Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System administered jointly by the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services.

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**COMMENTS AND COPIES OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

On November 4, 2011, the Secretary of State published the proposed changes in Volume 35, Issue 45, of the Illinois Register, copies of which are available in local libraries and on the Secretary of State's website at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>. Copies are also available on the DCFS website <http://www.state.il.us/dcfs> or may be requested from the Office of Child and Family Policy at the address below. Comments may be sent to:

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Comments will be accepted through January 30, 2012

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