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To STARS Participants and Collaborating Partners:

**Effective July 1, 2010**, New and exciting changes are coming to the STARS for KIDS NOW process!

In an effort to improve services and streamline practices, the Division of Child Care, STARS For KIDS NOW program is making some adjustments to the STARS for KIDS NOW rating process. These changes will not affect the number or the amount of payments to STARS participants. Changes are being made in order to assist programs with completion of the rating process and to reduce unnecessary duplication in reviewing and maintaining paper work for STARS participation.

The primary change will be a modification of the STARS expiration date. This date will be adjusted to match the expiration date of the child care license or certificate issued by the Division of Regulated Child Care. It is anticipated this adjustment will result in shorter wait times for rating visits and reduce duplication for those reviewing information related to STARS and licensing requirements.

Additional changes include, but are not limited to the following:

- The STARS Interim Report anniversary date will be adjusted to match the license/certified expiration date.
- Information obtained during licensing survey visits will be used as verification for STARS criteria, provided the center is in good standing with licensure.
- All paperwork and training requirements must be met prior to scheduling a rating visit.

The Division of Child Care truly appreciates the continued participation and dedication to quality of all participants in the STARS for KIDS NOW program. We anticipate these changes will be beneficial in streamlining the STARS rating process.

Thank you all for being a model of quality child care in Kentucky. Should you have any questions or concerns related to these changes, please feel free to contact the Division of Child Care at 1-502-564-2524.

Sincerely,

**Mary Beth Jackson**  
Director

