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Dear Child Care Provider,

Legislation signed into law on August 28, 1999 created the Family Care Safety Registry, which is administered through the Department of Health. The registry opened January 01, 2001.

As of January 01, 2001, every individual, caring for children or the elderly, is required by law to register with the Family Care Safety Registry. This service offers information to prospective employers and families so that they may make informed decisions when hiring caregivers. A brochure which explains the application process and how the Family Care Safety Registry works is included with this letter.

Your cooperation with the Family Care Safety Registry does not replace any provider registration process required by the Division of Family Services.

- The Division of Family Services will continue to require background screenings for certain providers, as required by law.
- You must register with the Division of Family Services to receive a monthly invoice and payment for child care services.

To assist you in registering with the Family Care Safety Registry, we have enclosed an application for you to complete and return to the Department of Health. A one-time processing fee is also required. **Your local Division of Family Services office cannot process these forms.**

Please submit your application to the Family Care Safety Registry and processing fee to the Missouri Department of Health, Fee Receipts Unit, P. O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

As a child care provider, you are required by law to register with the Family Care Safety Registry. According to Missouri law, any child care provider failing to register with the Family Care Safety Registry may be charged with a misdemeanor offense. Failure to comply may also result in delayed payments from the Division of Family Services.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Denise Cross
Director