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SUBJECT: 2007 Child Care Vehicle/Passenger Restraint Requirements

The effective date of the new child care transportation requirements is less than two months away. Please note that, in 2007, DHS-licensed child care agencies will still be prohibited from using 15-passenger vans – the rules requiring that vehicles designed to carry 10 or more meet “large” school bus standards, “small” school bus standards, or “multi-function school activity bus standards” remain unchanged.

Previously the Department mailed to you a document entitled “*Frequently Asked Questions About the Tennessee Department of Human Services’ 2007 Passenger Restraint Requirements*”. Since that time, however, we have received several questions specifically about the booster seat requirements. Therefore, we are enclosing a one-page summary of Tennessee’s Belt-Positioning Booster Seat (BPBS) requirements.

Note that we also added some language to the sections about booster seats on the chart on page 4 of the “FAQ” that is on the Department’s web site. This document, called “*Frequently Asked Questions About The Department of Human Services’ 2007 Passenger Restraint Requirements*”, can be found on the “*Resources for Providers*” page under “*DHS Mailouts to Providers*” on the Department’s web site at: <http://state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/ccrfp.htm>.

We hope that the enclosed summary along with the language we added to the “FAQ” on the web site will help to answer most of the questions about Tennessee’s booster seat requirements. If you have further questions about any of the new transportation requirements, please contact your Licensing Program Evaluator.