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BRL Memo – 00-02

To: Child Care Institution Licensees
From: Patty Hammes, Director *Patty*
Bureau of Regulation and Licensing
Re: HFS 52 Rule Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth

In December, Susan Dreyfus, Division of Children and Family Services Administrator, sent DCFS Info Memo 99-13 to you with a copy of the final draft of the proposed HFS 52 rule for Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth that the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) submitted to the Legislature for its review. I am pleased to inform you that the new rule, HFS 52 Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth, was approved by the Legislature. A copy of the new HFS 52 rule is enclosed for your reference. The rule was published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register in February 2000 and has an effective date of September 1, 2000 to allow time to prepare for implementation. You may also find the new HFS 52 rule for Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth on the DHFS Web site at: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us> and click on DHFS Administrative rules and scroll to HFS 52.

I want to thank all of you in the CCI provider community, the Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies, and other agency representatives who committed so much of your time, knowledge and expertise to assist the Department in developing this new HFS 52 rule. This was a collaborative effort to promote the health, safety and well being of children and youth served in residential care centers.

The Bureau is planning activities to prepare for implementation and to assist you in your implementation efforts for the new rule. We are preparing a copy of the new rule in a more "user friendly" rulebook format with an added index and appendix of applicable statutes and other information. We will send you a copy as soon as it is printed. We will keep you informed about our implementation efforts and provide you ongoing updates about upcoming training, any new or revised application materials or other forms, procedures, and other implementation activities.

Enclosures: HFS 52 Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth

- C Area Administrators/Assistant Area Administrators
- Bureau Directors
- County Department of Community Programs Directors
- County Departments of Developmental Disabilities Services Directors
- County Departments of Human Services Directors
- County Departments of Social Services Directors
- DOC/Division of Juvenile Corrections
- Licensing Chiefs, Licensing Specialist, Program Specialists
- Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators
- Wisconsin Association of Family and Children Agencies