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Dear Wake County Child Care Provider,

Thank you for your participation in the Wake County Quality Supplement Program. Wake County Smart Start and Child Care Services Association appreciate your commitment to quality child care and your role in providing care to children receiving child care subsidies from Wake County Human Services.

We are writing to officially inform you that the Wake County Quality Supplement Program will be ending as of December 31, 2018.

The Quality Supplement Program was designed to incentivize and to support facilities with the ongoing cost of providing quality care to children, particularly children receiving child care subsidies. As you may be aware, subsidy reimbursement rates have increased over the past two years, decreasing the gap between these rates and the rates for private child care in the general market. In light of these rate increases, the Wake County Smart Start Board of Directors has determined that priorities for Smart Start funding should be shifted to other areas of need in the Wake County early childhood system. **As a result, Quality Supplement payments for December, 2018 will be the last issued by the Quality Supplement Program.**

The timing of this notice should coincide with the October increase in reimbursement you should be receiving for the subsidized preschool children in your care. We hope that this advance notice and the pending increase in subsidy rates will mitigate the impact of the Quality Supplement program's discontinuation and assist you in planning accordingly for your program's 2019 budget.

Wake County Smart Start and Child Care Services Association are pleased to have provided support to your facility through the Quality Supplement program. We hope that your time as a program participant has been valuable and has contributed to your ability to sustain and improve the quality of your services.

For questions, please contact Quality Supplement administrative staff at Child Care Services Association at 919-314-6853 OR email wakeQS@childcareservices.org.

Sincerely,

The Wake County Quality Supplement Team

Wake County Smart Start
Child Care Services Association