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I wish to comment on the proposed second unannounced inspection. (See specific Code and Chapter below)

1. Is this 2nd visit to be a full inspection or just a pop in brief visit? The Director and center representative are not always available to just stop and rearrange their days schedule. The Director is normally very busy with tours, overseeing staff and the daily operation of the center. You state that it would be to provide technical assistance on how to meet the regulatory requirements and discuss the benefits of Keystone STARS. So the Director and or representative would need time to meet and discuss. If the representative is not on site they should not be expected to just cancel their day to rush to the center. I feel this information could be shared at the normal yearly inspection. Or If a second visit is required, it should be scheduled in advance with the center to avoid a disruption of the work day. Or the option to tell the inspector that they will need to come back another day if the director and or representative cannot meet with them that day.

Annual Unannounced Inspections

The Department is proposing changes to 55 Pa. Code Chapters 3270, 3280 and 3290 so that all certified child care providers meet the requirements of the CCDBG (42 U.S.C.A. § 9858c(c)(2)(K)(i)(II)). The Department will conduct an annual unannounced inspection for all certified child care providers. The purpose of the inspection is to determine compliance with the requirements of 55 Pa. Code Chapters 3270, 3280 and 3290.

The annual unannounced inspection is required by the CCDBG (42 U.S.C.A. § 9858c(c)(2)(K)(i)(II)(bb)). The inspection will also provide an opportunity for the Department to offer technical assistance on how to meet the regulatory requirements and provide quality child care services. The inspection will also inform the child care providers of the benefits of Keystone STARS, the Commonwealth's quality improvement program.

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Administrator