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Attention: All Licensed Children's Residential Camps in Colorado - House Bill 12-043

Dear Camp Licensee:

As you may know, this legislative session Senate Bill 12-043 changed the law regarding the ages of children that may attend a Children's Resident Camp. CDHS has changed the definition of a Children's Resident Camp in accordance with the new law and is included in italics below:

Colorado Revised Statutes: 26-6-102(2.2)

- (a) "Children's resident camp" means a facility operating for three or more consecutive twenty-four-hour days during one or more seasons of the year for the care of five or more children. The facility shall have as its purpose a group living experience offering education and recreational activities in an outdoor environment. The recreational experiences may occur at the permanent camp premises or on trips off the premises.
- (b) A children's resident camp shall serve children who have completed kindergarten or are six years of age or older through children younger than nineteen years of age; except that a person nineteen years of age or twenty years of age may attend a children's resident camp if, within six months prior to attending the children's resident camp, he or she has attended or has graduated from high school.

You may recall that on the face of the license issued to your camp by CDHS, the age range of children served is noted. If your camp intends to change the age range of children served, as is your right under the new law, you will need to complete and submit a change form with the appropriate change fee to our office so that a new license can be issued reflecting the age range your camp will serve.

The change form and fee information is available on our website listed above. Please feel free to contact your licensing specialist with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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CC: All Child Care Division Staff

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