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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Environmental Health Supervisors, Directors, and Coordinators

**FROM:** Worth Heath, Jr., Regional Environmental Health Specialist  
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**THROUGH:** Ed Norman, Program Supervisor  
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**SUBJECT:** Referral of proposed child care centers with individual wells to the Public Water Supply Section

This memo is to clarify that all proposed child care centers that have individual wells and are to serve 25 or more persons (including children and staff) are required under the administrative rules governing the Public Water Supply Section (PWSS) to submit plans to PWSS for approval.

For child care centers with more than one shift, the maximum number of persons served in one day must be considered. The Division of Child Development does not necessarily specify on the license the total number of children from all shifts; however, the license does indicate when there will be more than one shift.

When plans are submitted for a proposed center with a well serving 25 or more persons, the Environmental Health Specialist should notify the PWSS regional office about the proposed center and provide PWSS with contact information for the center. The Environmental Health Specialist should also request that PWSS notify the local health department when the water system has received final approval.

These measures should be taken to prevent possible legal action against child care centers that are in violation of PWSS rules.