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To: Local Environmental Health Specialists Involved in Child Care Inspections

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Subject: Kitchen Facilities for Child Care Centers with Multiple Wings or Buildings

This memo is in regards to 15 NCAC 18A .2810 (b)(2)(c) and .2810 (a)(1) that reference the minimum kitchen equipment required for licensed child care centers. Questions have been raised pertaining to kitchen requirements when the child care center is composed of multiple wings or detached buildings (with multiple licenses) and food is prepared in a central kitchen. An earlier policy memo, dated November 15, 1999, required a lavatory, a two compartment sink and a refrigerator. This policy is rescinded to allow a central kitchen for the preparation of food for separate wings/buildings that are under the same ownership and are located on the same property, regardless of individual or multiple licenses.

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