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MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Gilbird, Environmental Health Program Specialist
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FROM: Patricia Gilmartin, Regional Environmental Health Specialist
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THROUGH: Ed Norman, Program Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Diaper changing procedures recommended by the North Carolina Child Care
Health and Safety Resource Center

This memo is in response to your letter dated November 9, 2010 addressing your concerns about the rinse step in the diaper changing procedure recommended by the North Carolina Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center through the National Health and Safety Guidelines, "Caring For Our Children". This procedure includes a rinse step after the use of the soapy solution and before the disinfection of the diaper changing surface after a child's diaper has been changed.

The diaper changing procedure described in 15A NCAC 18A .2819(d) does not include a rinse step. However, a center wanting to add this step is only going above and beyond the requirements of .2819(d). Therefore, the additional rinse step is acceptable. Demerits are not appropriate if a center chooses to include this step as long as all other procedures in .2819(d) are followed.

Please contact me at (252) 339-9558 or Ed Norman at (919) 715-3293 with any additional questions regarding this issue.