

**Department of Human Services  
Interim Health Services Committee  
Senator Lee, Chairman  
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Chairman Lee, members of the Interim Health Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of Economic Assistance Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide an update on final Child Care Assistance federal regulations for the child care and development block grant and recommendations related to the committee's study of employment restrictions in public assistance programs.

Final regulations for the child care development block grant have not been finalized. The Administration for Children and Families has stated the expectation is the rules will be finalized before the end of the year. The Department does not have recommendations related to restrictions in public assistance programs; however, we are available to provide additional information to the committee.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.