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MEMORANDUM TO: Children Services Manager, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards (CMSMs and DSSABs)

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SUBJECT: Ontario Child Care Management System

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with an update on the preliminary review of Ontario Child Care Management System (OCCMS) conducted in the spring of 2017. OCCMS is currently used by 46 of 47 CMSMs and DSSABs to administer and manage the distribution of child care fee subsidies and other child care funding such as wage enhancement grants.

Although the system provides substantial support for the administration of child care fee subsidies, it was found through the preliminary review that upgrades will be required to the current system to provide the level of service and data required for more integrated service system planning/reporting. Recent commitments focused on transformation and increasing access to licensed child care across the province will put further pressure on the system.

As such, the Ministry is committed to review options to upgrade the current system and will conduct a more thorough review and options analysis over the next year. In the meantime, the Ministry will continue to fund and support the existing OCCMS system through at least the end of 2018, and during the transition to an upgraded solution. York Region will continue to manage the system on behalf of the province.

Finally, we would like to thank the CMSMs and DSSABs for their feedback and input on the system to date. As we move forward with changes, we continue to look to your teams for insights to assist us build a system that supports the child care sector. We look forward to working with York Region and communities as we undertake this work.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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