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To: Head Start and Child Care Program/Site Directors
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Subject: COPA BMI GROWTH ASSESSMENT

The Department of Children and Youth Services has recently learned of concerns regarding the accuracy of the growth assessment instrument, Body Mass Index (BMI) calculation, on the COPA web system.

Upon further investigation, the department has concluded that the BMI calculation on COPA is accurate and reliable.

Please continue using the BMI growth assessment that is on COPA as this will serve as the official growth assessment record. Do not rely on visual assessment or on manual calculations alone.

If you have any further questions, please contact Registered Dietician Sofia Gayapa at (312) 743-1751 (sgayapa@cityofchicago.org) or Nutritionist Jhatan Abdul Khaaliq at (312) 743-1527 (jkhaaliq@cityofchicago.org).

Thank you for your continued support in providing quality child care programming to Chicago's children.

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