

**Hamilton County Child Care Forum
February 17, 2010**

Eligibility & Authorization: Answers provided by HCJFS & ODJFS	
QUESTION	ANSWER
Will the county determine eligibility?	Yes. Even when the county implements the Eligibility & Authorization system locally.
Are we going to receive actual letters in regards to eligibility?	Yes. The Eligibility & Authorization system will send letters to providers regarding consumer approvals, denials, and terminations. Approval notices provide the day and hours authorized.
Who will keep track of billing once EA/TA begins?	After the Eligibility & Authorization and the Time & Attendance System is implemented in Hamilton County, billing will no longer be tracked by Hamilton County. County staff will remain involved in the approval of hours billed by providers.
When are you going to educate the parents?	Both ODJFS and HCJFS will provide mailings to child care consumers. The first notice from ODJFS is expected in March 2010. When the Eligibility & Authorization and Time & Attendance Systems are implemented in Hamilton County, the county will provide additional county specific information regarding the phasing out of vouchers. Both ODJFS and HCJFS also acknowledge the critical role providers will play in educating consumers.
How are you notifying the families of these changes?	
Will ODJFS or HCJFS be in charge of explaining the swipe cards? Parents do not even understand vouchers!	
And will there ever be a Web site where a provider can go on when they need children to fill a space?	There is no plan to develop a system for providers to view children that are authorized for care, but who do not currently have a provider.
Will the process of how our clients receive information on available providers be the same?	Parents can locate certified Hamilton County Providers on www.HCJFS.org or obtain a provider list from the assigned worker. The list of licensed centers and type A homes is available at http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/cdc