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**Agenda Item:**

Emergency Child Care Scholarships - Remaining Balances to be Returned to Regions

**Information:**

The Emergency Child Care Scholarships were implemented in April, 2009. The scholarships have closed in the majority of regions, with only four regions that include San Carlos Apache, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, and Graham/Greenlee still operating until June 30, 2010. A number of regions have been reconciled and have fund balances remaining.

Calculating end dates by region was a complicated process that was based on actual expenditures compared with provider projections. The primary intent when determining closure dates was to give families and providers enough notice so they could make necessary arrangements for the transition when scholarships would no longer be available. With some regions spending as much as \$32,000 per day, estimates resulted in unspent balances in all participating regions.

**Action Required:**

In order to return unused funds to the regions, Board approval is requested to amend the contract with the administrative home and return the funds to the applicable regions as each one is reconciled. The last reconciliations are anticipated no later than August 15, 2010.

If approved, these funds will become available to regions to reallocate to meet needs identified in their communities.

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