**Public Approval**

**Child Care, Residential and Placement Licensing
Policy Statement: P-ECC-05**

When a child care, residential or placement program operated by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth or a department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth seeks licensure, it will be issued a public approval (rather than a license) when it complies with relevant licensing standards.

Applications for licensure **submitted by political subdivision of the Commonwealth**, such as towns and cities or the agencies or departments of towns or cities must be accompanied by an application fee as required by EEC. Examples of these organizations might include the Recreation Department of the City of Fitchburg, or the Town of Franklin.

Applications for licensure **submitted by a department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth** need **not** include an application fee. Examples of these organizations include but are not limited to the Department of Social Services, the Department of Youth Services, and the University of Massachusetts.