
Care 4 Kids Program




Program Operations TRANSMITTAL

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Subject: Public Act 15-227 Eligibility Period Changed To 12 Months

Program Issue: This transmittal implements provisions of Section 1(d) of Public Act (PA) 15-227, which increases the program eligibility period to twelve months. In compliance with PA 15-227, redeterminations shall be conducted at twelve-month intervals.

Background: In accordance with Section 17b-749 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) operates the child care subsidy program, Care 4 Kids. Effective July 1, 2015, PA 15-227 has mandated that, not later than July 1, 2015, an applicant determined to be eligible for program benefits by the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall remain eligible for such benefits for a period prescribed by federal law.

Implementation: Several program rules contained in section 17b-749 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are dependent on the length of the program eligibility period and redetermination cycle. Effective July 1, 2015, the following changes shall be implemented:

- After twelve months, the taxable earnings from the self-employment activity of each self-employed family member shall equal or exceed the state minimum wage times the number of hours the family member purports to be working in the self-employment activity on a continual basis. [Reference 17b-749-04(f)]
- If income is expected to change, there is new employment or the work schedules are changing or variable, gross income shall be calculated based on the best estimate of the income that the family is expected to receive over the next twelve months. [Reference 17b-749-05(d)(3)]
- For applicants, eligibility shall be approved for a period of not less than twelve months from the date the applicant is determined eligible unless there are changes that make the applicant ineligible. Redeterminations shall be scheduled at twelve-month intervals. [Reference 17b-749-09(g)(4)]
- After the initial certificate on a newly granted case, the payment authorization period shall not exceed twelve months for any individual certificate, [Reference 17b-749-14(b)(1)]
- Among other stipulations and except for the initial certificate on a newly granted case, payment eligibility shall end twelve calendar months from the start of the payment authorization period but not later than the last day of the month of the scheduled redetermination, provided the family remains eligible. [Reference 17b-749-14(c)(4)(C)]
- Eligibility shall be redetermined at twelve-month intervals. [Reference 17b-749-18(b)(1)]

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