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# Care 4 Kids Program



## Program Operations TRANSMITTAL

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**To:** Sherri Sutera, Program Director  
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**From:** Harriet Feldlaufer, Director of Early Care and Education  
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**CC:** Distribution List

**Subject:** **85% State Median Income (SMI)**

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**Program Issue:** As part of the Child Care Development Fund reauthorization, the Federal government has required states to raise the upper limit of the qualifying gross countable family household income threshold to be at or below 85% of the State Median Income (SMI).

**Background:** The CCDBG Act 2014 PL.113-186 added a provision that establishes 12 month eligibility re-determination periods for CCDF families, regardless of changes in gross countable family household income (as long as income does not exceed the federal threshold of 85% of State Median Income). The upper limit was previously 75%. The CCDBG Act of 2014 increased that limit to 85%.

**Implementation:** Effective July 1, 2016 Care 4 Kids is directed to set the upper limit of the qualifying gross countable family household income threshold to be at or below 85% of the SMI.

Questions concerning this transmittal can be referred to the Office of Early Childhood at 860-713-6422.

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