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Commissioner

DATE: March 29, 2020 **REVISED November 3, 2020**

TO: Birth to Three Early Intervention Service (EIS) Providers

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #14 **REVISED**
OEC Waiver of Family Cost Participation Fees
Related Suspension and Extended GAP

The Office of Early Childhood wishes to provide support and financial relief to our Birth to Three providers and the families they serve during this very challenging COVID-19 situation.

Effective April 1, 2020, the OEC is implementing the following:

Waiving Family Cost Participation Fees

Per Governor Lamont's Executive Order 70, Family Cost Participation fees starting with those due for March services that have not yet been billed are waived as are new suspensions of services related to the nonpayment of fees.

General Administrative Payments

The OEC is rescinding the Interim Payment Procedure that authorizes the emergency GAP payments. This will take effect with the November GAP payments. This means that GAP payments that will be reflected on the November invoices submitted in December will be based on the conditions in the full Payment to Programs procedure.

These changes will remain in effect until Executive Order 70 is lifted or until otherwise noticed by the Office of Early Childhood.

The Interim Family Cost Participation Procedure has been posted on the Birth to Three website at <https://www.birth23.org/providers/provider-resources/procedures/>

While the best relationship for communication is between a family and their primary service provider, the OEC will also communicate about the family cost participation fee waiver to families using the Public Consulting Group billing portal as well as social media.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support Connecticut's families with infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.