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# Care 4 Kids Program



## Policy Transmittal


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**Subject:** **Continued Eligibility for 13 and 19 Year-old Children**

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**Program Issue:** The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 has added a provision that requires States and Territories to allow children who experience an age change during the time between determinations or redeterminations to retain their eligibility and continue to receive services at least at the same level.

**Background:** 45 CFR § 98.20 (a) (1) states “to be eligible for services under § 98.50, a child shall, at the time of eligibility determination or redetermination be under 13 years of age; or, at the option of the Lead Agency, be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself, or under court supervision.”

45 CFR § 98.21 (a) (1) (ii) (F) states that “during the period of time between determinations or redeterminations, if the child met all of the requirements in § 98.20 (a) on the date of the most recent eligibility determination or redetermination, the child shall be considered eligible and will receive services at least at the same level, regardless of...any change in age, including turning 13 years old during the eligibility period.”

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) § 17b-749-01 (19) states that “‘Eligible child’ means a child residing with the applicant who is under the age of thirteen or under the age of nineteen with special needs, who needs child care during the hours the parent is participating in employment or an approved employment services activity.”

RCSA § 17b-749-11 (a) states that “the eligible child shall be less than 13 years old or less than nineteen years of age, if the child has special needs. A child shall remain eligible through the last day of the month in which the child reaches the appropriate age limit, provided the child was eligible on the first day of that month.”

**Directives:** Any child who turns thirteen during their eligibility period shall remain eligible until the next redetermination. Likewise, any child with special needs who turns nineteen during their eligibility period shall remain eligible until the next redetermination. Care 4 Kids shall not to terminate child care certificates due to any change in age during a child’s eligibility period.

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