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# Care 4 Kids Program



## Program Operations TRANSMITTAL


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**Subject:** **Program Income Eligibility Threshold Change for PG4 and PG4 closure**

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**Program Issue:** Effective July 1, 2016 the Care 4 Kids program income eligibility threshold will change for Priority Group 4. For all other priority groups the income thresholds remain the same.

**Background:** The Federal Government has made many changes to the child care subsidy program, which impact Connecticut's Care 4 Kids Program. These new Federal requirements will increase the costs to provide subsidy through the Care 4 Kids Program. Under the regulations, the agency must accept applications and authorize payments based on the applicable order of priorities only within available funding. Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 17b-749-08 (a).

**Implementation:** In order to ensure that the Care 4 Kids Program continues to exist "within available funding" the following changes shall occur to the Care 4 Kids program.

**1. Applications – effective July 1, 2016 – July 31, 2016**

- a) For working families entering the Care 4 Kids program, the income eligibility threshold will be 30% or less of the State Median Income (SMI) (PG4).
  - b) Income eligibility thresholds for all other priority groups remain the same
2. At redetermination, families who meet the current eligibility requirements and whose household income is below 50 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) will remain eligible at redetermination (PG4).
  3. At redetermination, families who have received TFA in the past 60 months will continue to receive assistance until their household income equal to or exceeds 55% of the SMI (PG2).

4. Priority groups PG5 and PG6 will be closed at application and redetermination.

**5. Applications – effective August 1, 2016**

- a) The Care 4 Kids Program will be closed for new applications from working families (PG4) whose household income is below 50% of the SMI. These families will be placed on a wait list.
6. Priority groups (PG1, PG2, and PG3) remain open to new applications.
  7. Priority groups PG5 and PG6 will be closed at application and redetermination.

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