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# Care 4 Kids Program

## POLICY TRANSMITTAL



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**Subject:** Priority Group 6 Closure to Existing Clients as of August 1, 2013

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**Program Issue:** Effective August 1, 2013, certain program eligibility rules will change for current recipients due to budget limitations approved by the Executive and legislative branches. Priority group 6 will no longer be open to new applicants.

**Background:** Section 17b-749-08 (f) of the Child Care Assistance Program Regulations provides the Commissioner with authority to open and close Care 4 Kids to designated priorities due to funding considerations. Priority groups are defined in Care 4 Kids policy transmittal C4K-POL-02-02. Priority Group 6 includes families with income between 50 and 75% of the state median income (SMI).

**Implementation:** Effective August 1, 2013, the following changes will occur for the Care 4 Kids program. As such, we will work with you to develop and complete the proper program notifications and expect you to complete the proper client/provider notifications and system changes to comply with this directive.

1. Recipients who have not received Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) in the past 60 months and have income below 50% of SMI will no longer be eligible for assistance when their income reaches or exceeds 50% of SMI.
2. Recipients who have received TFA in the past 60 months will no longer be eligible for assistance when their income reaches or exceeds 55% SMI.

Changes will not occur for the following recipients:

1. Current recipients who have income at 50% of SMI and less than 75% of SMI will continue to receive assistance until their income reaches or exceeds 75% SMI.
2. Current recipients who have received TFA in the past 60 months and have income at 55% of SMI and less 75% of SMI will continue to receive assistance until their income reaches or exceeds 75% SMI.

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