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Early Childhood

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Commissioner

DATE: April 27, 2020

TO: Debra Johnson, Director, Division of Licensing

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo # 20
Modification of Definition of "Child Care Services"

On March 14, 2020, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7B, which included a provision permitting the Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood to waive or modify licensing requirements contained in, inter alia, General Statutes § 19a-77, in order to maintain a sufficient capacity of child care services or otherwise respond to the need for child care during the public health and civil preparedness emergency.

In accordance with the foregoing Executive Order, the Office of Early Childhood makes the following modification to General Statutes § 19a-77 (b) (4):

For licensing requirement purposes:

- "Child care services" shall not include informal or formal arrangements among friends, neighbors, and kin who are providing child care for frontline workers as part of the CTCARES for Frontline Workers program;
- Where child care is being provided for frontline workers as part of the CTCARES for Frontline Workers program, "kin" is not limited by degree of kinship;
- Where child care is being provided for frontline workers as part of the CTCARES for Frontline Workers program, care may be provided in the home of the child or the home of the friend, neighbor, or kin.

These modifications apply only during the three or six-week period a family receives the benefit provided by the CTCARES for Frontline Workers program.