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CTCARES for Frontline Workers Child Care Subsidy Program

Frontline workers are those who must physically report to a work location outside of the home in order to care for people or provide goods and services essential to maintain human livelihood during Governor Lamont's Stay Safe, Stay Home order. Frontline workers include, but are not limited to:

- Doctors, nurses, physician assistants, medical assistants, dentists, hygienists, mental health professionals, and other healthcare workers in hospitals, emergency clinics, primary care clinics, nursing homes, or state-run facilities;
- food preparation workers, dishwashers, cleaning workers, and security guards in hospitals, emergency clinics, primary care clinics, nursing homes, or state-run facilities;
- emergency response/first responders, including but not limited to ambulance drivers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement, or 911 operators;
- social workers and child welfare workers, provided those workers are conducting in-person visits, interviews, investigations and/or evaluations;
- personal care aids and home health workers, including but not limited to caregivers to the disabled;
- grocery store workers or big-box stores, provided the big-box store sells groceries, consumer health products, or operates a pharmacy;
- pharmacy workers;
- workers providing services in homeless or domestic violence shelters;
- Department of Corrections workers, including but not limited to, corrections officers, and parole and community services workers;
- juvenile detention or juvenile community residential workers;
- workers deemed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood to be critical to maintaining operations of Connecticut's child care infrastructure;
- workers providing in-person ancillary supports to the above functions in order to maintain the provision of essential services, including but not limited to transit workers, delivery drivers, and administrative and maintenance staff; and
- State of Connecticut employees who are designated Level 1 Intermittent or Level 1 Constant by the State of Connecticut for the COVID-19 pandemic, or excluded and/or deemed exempt from expanded family and medical leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

The Commissioner of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Office of Policy Management, may deem any additional occupation or category of services eligible for CT Cares for Frontline Workers benefits based on the need to access child care in order to adequately maintain essential functions and services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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