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Commissioner

DATE: November 23, 2020

TO: Smart Start funded programs

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #33
COVID-19 response funds for Smart Start funded programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification of a waiver of the limitation on funding for Smart Start child care programs for the specific purposes outlined below related to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The limitations on funding a Smart Start grantee may receive contained in Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-506 are waived to the extent that they may be exceeded for the purposes of 1) COVID-19 related expenses including but not limited to cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), and nursing or medical consultation, or 2) educational materials expenses related to COVID-19 including but not limited to classroom supplies for individual children purchased to decrease the need to share materials; or packets of materials to support remote learning during school or classroom closures due to COVID-19.

Smart Start grantees may continue to receive up to \$75,000 per classroom provided such classroom maintains a minimum of eleven children enrolled.