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TO: School Readiness, Child Day Care and Smart Start funded programs

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Memo 42
FY 22 Funding for School Readiness, Child Day Care and Smart Start

During FY 21 the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) adapted its funding structures for Child Day Care, School Readiness and Smart Start programs to support the early childhood infrastructure during the pandemic.

In person/on-site care and education remains a priority and as the state transitions to the recovery phase of the pandemic, OEC does not have the legal authority to extend these changes in funding structures through FY22. In response, the following changes for the calculation of funds earned for the services provided by programs will be implemented effective as of the July 2021 reporting period:

School Readiness and Child Day Care

1. The classroom equivalent funding model and the 25% Operational Expense supplement will no longer be implemented.
2. The funding calculations will revert to the pre-COVID funding model based on per child reimbursement rates for children receiving on-site services.
    a. Child Day Care reimbursement for school age care shall align with contracted services.
3. Monthly reports shall be submitted according to the established deadlines and should accurately reflect the actual number of children receiving on-site services at least one day during the reporting period.

Smart Start

1. Smart Start programs shall maintain enrollment of children funded through Smart Start as well as up to 3 additional children as outlined in the approved FY 22-24 Continuation Grant application.

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