
Care 4 Kids Program




Program Policy TRANSMITTAL

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Subject: **Program Income Eligibility Threshold Change for all Priority Groups**

Program Issue: Pursuant to section 17b-749-05 (a) (1), to be eligible to receive Care 4 Kids benefits, a new applicant's gross countable family income must be below 50% of the state median income (SMI) level for the appropriate family size. The Commissioner of the Office Early Childhood has the discretion to increase the income limit to up to 75% of the SMI level. New applicants are assigned to an applicable priority group and payment is authorized based on the order of priorities set forth in section 17b-749-08 (a). For new applicants, such adjusted SMI shall take effect beginning on or after July 1. Regs., Conn. State Agencies 17b-749-05 (a) (4) This transmittal implements section 17b-749-05 (a) (1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by increasing the SMI level for new applicants in all priority groups.

Background: Through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Connecticut received child care relief funding to provide expanded child care assistance through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). The Office of Early Childhood administers the Care 4 Kids program pursuant to CCDBG. The Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood recognizes the importance of supporting Connecticut families by increasing the income limit for a new applicant to 60% of the SMI level for the appropriate family size under the authority granted to her in section 17b-749-13 (d) (2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Implementation: The program income eligibility threshold for all priority groups must be below 60% SMI for Care 4 Kids applications received on or after July 1, 2021. Funding for this change in income eligibility will continue to exist within available funding.

Questions concerning this transmittal can be referred to the Office of Early Childhood at 860-500-4650.

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