

Temporary Changes to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

- From November 1, 2021 through June 26, 2022, temporarily allows:
 - Payment to providers that are temporarily closed due to COVID-19 for up to 8 weeks
 - Providers that are closed or paid absent days related to COVID-19 to receive payments for children on child care assistance, even if they choose not to charge private-pay families.
- Requires providers to notify DHS CCAP staff prior to submitting bills for closed days, DHS will review and approve to ensure the limit is applied.
- Absent days remain limited to 25 days per year unless there is a medical exemption.

Child Care Center Staff Distribution Waiver

- This waiver is intended to provide flexibility to child care centers who are facing staffing challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This proposal temporarily suspends staff distribution requirements until June 30, 2022.
 - This timeline helps providers through the end of the school year.
 - Typically summer broadens workforce options with college students and high school students available to work full time and by then, impacts from COVID should be less so their regular permanent staff are more available.

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- Under this waiver a child care center would, at minimum, be required to have:
 - A teacher qualified person on site at all times rather than being required to have a teacher with each group of children.
 - One person who is at least 18 years old with each group of children, rather than needing to have a teacher, assistant teacher and/or aide depending on size with each group of children.
 - A designated person onsite who is responsible for overseeing the operation of the daily activities of the program, ensuring the health and safety of the children, and supervising staff.

Thank You!