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MEMORANDUM

To: Child Care Providers
From: Diana Gillispie, Child Care Policy Specialist
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR),
Bureau for Children and Families
Date: August 25, 2020
Re: Temporary COVID-19 Response: Closed Provider Reimbursement

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, for the purpose of providing emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

CARES Act – COVID-19 Emergency Response Funds were allocated to states to support essential workers and child care networks during the pandemic.

The funds that were allocated to West Virginia under the CARES Act for this purpose have been exhausted. Without additional funding from the federal level, DHHR's Division of Early Care and Education must proceed with the rollback of the COVID-19 temporary critical child care response for the WV Child Care Network and essential workers.

Providers who received COVID-19 Critical Child Care reimbursement, but chose not to provide child care services after Governor Jim Justice's Stay at Home Order (March 24, 2020) and chose not to open as a critical care site will cease to receive reimbursement on **September 15, 2020**.

Providers who wish to resume child care services must contact their local licensing or regulatory specialist for next steps in restarting their business.

Providers who have remained open and provided child care service will be unaffected by this change.

The last day a provider NOT providing child care services will be eligible for COVID-19 Critical Child Care reimbursement will be September 15, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Thank you for your continued service through this crisis.