Care 4 Kids Program POLICY TRANSMITTAL



DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES-CHILD CARE TEAM

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Policy Distribution List

Subject:

Priority Group Funding

Program Issue: The state of Connecticut, similar to other states throughout the country, is experiencing a significant economic downturn. As such, this downturn has required state and local governments to review its programs and services across all service systems, including child care services provided by the Care 4 Kids program for working families and their children. As you know, the Care 4 Kids program authorizes payments in Priority Group order based on available funding. There are six Priority Groups in the Care 4 Kids program, which are detailed in policy transmittal numbers C4K-POL-02-02 and C4K-POL-03-01.

Policy Directive: Effective May 12, 2009:

- 1. funding is no longer available to grant new Priority Group 4 applicants and
- 2. funding is no longer available to continue eligibility for recipients who, at their next eligibility determination, transition into Priority Group 6 from Priority Groups 1, 2, 3, or 4.

This policy directive *does not* apply to recipients who transition into Priority Group 5 from Priority Groups 1, 2, 3, or 4.

Implementation Requirements:

All applications received after close of business May 12, 2009 that are determined eligible for Priority Group 4 must be denied and added to a Wait List as delineated in the Care 4 Kids regulations.

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