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Commissioner

DATE: December 13, 2021

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

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #48
FY 22 Waivers of Specific Policies for School Readiness and Child Day Care Programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to extend waivers of certain OEC General Policies for School Readiness and Child Day Care programs for the SFY 22 funding period. These waivers include statutory and policy items that the OEC is waiving to provide funded programs with the flexibility necessary to respond to the public health emergency.

All general policies remain in effect except as noted below or as indicated in additional Memos. Please note that Memo 31 General Policy Waivers for School Readiness, Child Day Care, and Smart Start funded programs, issued October 7, 2020 for FY 21, has expired.

The provisions listed for each of these General Policies have been waived as noted for School Readiness and Child Day Care. These waivers will cease at the end of SFY 22 or upon notification by OEC, whichever comes first.

	General Policy	School Readiness	Child Day Care
B-04	Definition of space types, categories of care — Describes the types of care each program provides.	The minimum number of hours, days, and weeks per year a child must consistently be in need of services for each SR funded space type are waived. For FY22 only, the requirement that at least 50 percent of community spaces must meet the requirements for Full- Day/Full-Year will be met when in combination at least 50 percent of the community spaces meet the requirements for full day/full year and school day/school year.	
B-06	Spaces for Children with IEP — Describes the policy for children with disabilities and their participation in OEC programs.	In order to provide flexibility in coordination of services, children receiving special education services are not required to be physically located at the program site for the total number of hours required by their specific space type.	

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D-04	Reallocation of Unutilized Child Day Care Spaces — Describes how a CDC program’s empty spaces could be used by other programs if left empty for more than three months.		Unutilized contracted Child Day Care Spaces will not be reallocated during the declared state of emergency
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