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DATE: May 8, 2020 REVISED November 3, 2020 **REVISED May 26, 2021**

TO: Providers of Services to Young Children

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #22 **REVISED**
Family Child Care School Age Capacity Waiver

In an effort to support programs that choose to remain open, the Commissioner has granted the below waiver of licensing requirements. This waiver will end as of June 30, 2021 and then this memo will be removed.

- Within their licensed capacity, licensed family child care homes may, during the summer months, provide full-time care to a maximum of three additional children who are otherwise enrolled in school full-time, including the provider's own children, without an OEC approved assistant or substitute staff member present. (Section 19a-87b-5 (d)(1)(B) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies & Section 19a-77 (a)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes)

Due to its restricted capacity, a licensed family child care home is a desired child care option during the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, this waiver will help limit the disruption of care for children and eliminate the need to introduce another staff person into the child care setting.

Any additional waivers granted will be communicated to programs and will be posted on the OEC website.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect the health and safety of Connecticut's children.