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DATE: March 16, 2020 **Revised November 3, 2020**

TO: Providers of Services to Young Children

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #5 **REVISED**  
OEC Fiscal and Home Visit Guidance for Birth to Three and Home Visiting  
Providers Related to COVID-19/ Corona Virus

The Office of Early Childhood wishes to provide guidance to our funded Birth to Three and Home Visiting providers to ensure stability of programs during this very challenging COVID-19 situation. We realize that consistent and accurate information is of utmost importance.

**Home Visiting:** The OEC will continue funding all Home Visiting providers through quarterly payments.

**Birth to Three:** Effective March 16, 2020 Birth to Three Programs were able to provide Remote Early Intervention (EI) as described in procedures online at <https://www.birth23.org/providers/provider-resources/procedures/>. The data systems bill commercial insurance and Medicaid using a telehealth modifier.

### **Home Visit Guidance:**

Prior to scheduling an in-person visit, all providers shall review and assure that they follow the in-person guidance online at <https://www.birth23.org/wp-content/uploads/COVID/CTOEC-B23andHV-InPersonGuidance.pdf>.

**Maintaining contact with the families we support through even a phone call, can bring a sense of reassurance to families feeling isolated and afraid. Your work is so important and so appreciated by all of us.**

As always, please encourage all staff to continue to implement good public health practices to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These practices include frequent handwashing, covering their mouth with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, avoiding touching

their eyes, nose or mouth with their hands and most importantly staying home when they are sick. . The CDC website includes links to tip sheets, posters on handwashing, and tips for families in its [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US ChildCare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease](#). All CDC guidance is updated as necessary to respond to this changing situation.

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

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