

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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**What's Inside:**  
**Extension to**  
**Child Care**  
**Subsidy due to**  
**COVID-19**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL REGIONAL AND COUNTY CD AND FSD STAFF

FROM: REGINALD MCELHANNON, DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S DIVISION  
KIM EVANS, DIRECTOR, FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CHILD CARE SUBSIDY DUE TO COVID-19

On March 13, 2020 a national health emergency was declared in response to COVID-19. As a result, Child Care Subsidy benefits will be extended for all households required to re-certify during April, May and June of 2020. This extension will allow temporary changes to the Child Care Subsidy program that will help keep Missourians safe and healthy without fear of losing Child Care Subsidy benefits during this crisis.

To prevent Child Care subsidy from ending during the COVID-19 health crisis, a 3 month extension will be added to the current 12 month certification period for the months of April, May and June 2020.

Extension are as follows; cases that would have expired on:

04/1/2020 are extended through 06/30/2020,

05/1/2020 are extended through 07/31/2020, and

06/1/2020 are extended through 08/31/2020.

Example: The Smith family is due to recertify for Child Care benefits in April 2020. The eligibility system will case information for the current 12 month eligibility period and extend the certification through 06/30/2020. The Smith family will continue to receive the same amount of Child Care Subsidy with no benefit interruptions.

<b>NECESSARY ACTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division and Family Support Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Care Subsidy sections as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
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<b>CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM MANUAL REVISIONS</b>	
N/A	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b>	
N/A	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b>	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b>	
N/A	