

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:
Extended
COVID-19
Eligibility for
Child Care

TO: ALL REGIONAL AND COUNTY CD AND FSD STAFF

FROM: JOANIE ROGERS, INTERIM DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S DIVISION
KIM EVANS, DIRECTOR, FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY FOR
CHILD CARE

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Child Care Plan allows for temporary changes in eligibility for Child Care Subsidy.

Job Search for Unemployed due to COVID-19

The eligibility time frame for low-income Missouri families who are unemployed due to COVID-19 to receive a temporary Child Care Subsidy benefit for job search has been extended. The time frame for this benefit is now only **60 days**. The benefit is available for applications received through **May 31, 2021**. Families that apply must indicate they are unemployed due to COVID-19 and must agree that they are searching for work. This criteria will be verified by client statement and must be documented in the Family Assistance Management Information System (FAMIS) comments in both Eligibility Unit Member Role (FM3Z/EUMEMROL) and Child Care Need (FMAC/CCNEED).

In FAMIS, the Child Care Need (FMAC/CCNEED) screen requires each parent in the eligibility unit to have the COVID-19 Job Search (CJS) code entered as the reason for need. Client statement will be accepted as verification.

Transitional Child Care eligibility for parents who have a valid need for care, meet all other eligibility requirements, and have an income from 139% to 215% of the federal poverty level (FPL) will be eligible to apply for transitional child care until **December 31, 2021**, without the requirement of a current active Child Care Subsidy case. Eligibility units who qualify would be eligible through December 31, 2021.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division and Family Support Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Care Subsidy sections as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM MANUAL REVISIONS

N/A

FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

[2020 Child Care Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)

RELATED STATUTE

N/A