



**ANNOUNCEMENT: ELRC-20 #10
OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING
BUREAU OF EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER OPERATIONS**

ISSUE DATE: July 14, 2020
EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

SUBJECT:	Child Care Works Payment for Child Care Providers Closed Due to a Positive COVID-19 Case
TO:	All Regulated Child Care Facilities; Early Learning Resource Centers; and OCDEL Early Learning Resource Center Program Representatives
FROM:	Tracey Campanini Deputy Secretary, Office of Child Development and Early Learning

PURPOSE:

To provide information to child care programs participating in Child Care Works (CCW) and the Early Learning Resource Centers (ELRC) concerning payment for child care providers who experience a confirmed positive COVID-19 case within their facility.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) Bureau of Certification issued Announcement C-20-6 Interim Guidance for Certified Child Care Facilities operating during the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic which provides guidance to child care providers who experience a confirmed positive COVID-19 case within their facility. This announcement will explain the CCW payment for providers who must close for a period of time as defined in Announcement C-20-6.

DISCUSSION:

If a child care provider must close due to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, CCW payment will be based on enrollments on the day the facility closes due to the positive case. Payment based on enrollments will continue for all children until the facility is able to reopen. The provider must follow the guidance for closing and reopening specified in Announcement C-20-6. Once the provider reopens, payment based on enrollment reverts to the guidance in ELRC Announcement 20 #09 and will include only children enrolled effective March 13, 2020. Payment for children enrolled after March 13, 2020 will return to normal procedure, based on attendance/invoicing.

Child care providers **must** report the positive COVID-19 case to the Department of Health and the Bureau of Certification. The ELRC will verify with the Bureau of Certification that the closure is due to a positive COVID-19 case and deemed eligible for payment based on enrollment for all CCW children enrolled the day the facility closed.

Child care providers who are closed will not collect copayments from families for CCW for the period of the closure.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Child care programs
 - a. Share with staff completing CCW attendance reporting and invoicing.
 - b. Please direct any questions to your ELRC.
2. The ELRC
 - a. Review and share with appropriate staff.
 - b. Please direct any question to your program representative.
 - c. The ELRC will support child care providers with any transition after closures are lifted.