


















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SUMMARY OF COVID-19 WAIVERS/SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND PROVIDERS: School Readiness (SR), Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK), Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) and CARES *EO 20-213 Extends EO 20-52 60 Days						
Category	Description	Begin Date	End Date	Impacts	Documents	
SR and VPK Reimbursement	Reimbursements based on enrollment; extended payment for duration of absences and waive requirement for documentation.	3/1/20	9/30/20	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">Governor's EO 20-52</a>	<a href="#">DOE OEL QA 3-26-20 Final</a>
SR Child Eligibility	Suspended all terminations of SR families' eligibility (implemented in 60 day increments, 2 times); added and additional 30 days from 7/15/20 to allow parents a 45 day notice.	3/15/20	8/15/20	Coalitions	 Governor Exec Order 20-52 031920.	 DOE OEL QA 3-26-20 - FINAL.pdf
SR Redeterminations	Extended redeterminations (implemented in 60 day increments, 2 times); added and additional 30 days from 7/15/20 to allow parents a 45 day notice.	3/15/20	8/15/20	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">DOE 2020-EO-01</a>	<a href="#">Governor's EO 20-166</a>
Child Assessments Program Assessments Developmental Screenings	Canceled for the remainder of the fiscal year.	3/23/20	6/30/20	Coalitions & Providers	 DOE EO 2020-01.pdf	 Gov_Exec_Order_20_166.pdf
VPK Accountability	Eliminate VPK assessments and reporting for results for 2019-20 School Year VPK program for AP3. Eliminate VPK assessment and reporting for 2019-20 Summer VPK program.	3/23/20	End of 2019-20 VPK program year	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">Governor's EO 20-213</a>	<a href="#">Resuming Onsite Program Assessments</a>
VPK Accountability	VPK providers will not be held accountable for performance of the 2019-20 VPK program participants in the readiness rate process.	3/23/20	End of 2019-20 VPK program year	Coalitions & Providers	 EO_20-213.pdf	 2020-028 - Resuming Onsite Pr
SR Parent Copayments	Waived copayments regardless of income.	4/1/20	11/30/20	Coalitions & Providers		
SR Eligibility for First Responders and Essential Health Care Workers	Prioritize eligibility and enrollment for children of first responders and essential health care workers as defined in Executive Order 20-91 Essential Services List.	4/1/20	7/31/20 (Phase-Out initial referrals)	Coalitions & Parents	<a href="#">First Responder Guidance 4-22-20 Phase-Out</a>	<a href="#">Bonuses for Child Care Providers – First Responders</a>
SR Eligibility for First Responders and Essential Health Care Workers	Provides bonuses for providers caring for children of first responders and essential health care workers, up to \$12,000 total per provider site.	4/1/20	Bonuses until expiration of Emergency Declaration or \$12,000, whichever comes first.	Coalitions & Providers	 First Responder Highlights 7-7-20.pc	 Bonuses for Child Care Providers - Firs
VPK Reenrollment	Allow students who have completed 70% or more of their VPK program to transfer to another VPK providers' 2019-20 school year program that is open.	4/22/20	End of 2019-20 VPK program year	Coalitions & Parents		<a href="#">DOE 2020-EO-02</a>
VPK Class Size	Allow public and private providers to have less than four children enrolled in their 2019-20 school year VPK program and the 2020 summer VPK program.	4/22/20	End of 2019-20 VPK program year	Coalitions & Providers		 DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 Fl
Provider Mini-Grants	Health and Safety Cleaning Supplies, Infrastructure, Professional Development (PD stipends must be paid from 19/20 and have to be applied for and completed by 6/30/20).	4/15/20 5/12/20	Expiration of Emergency Declaration	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">OEL Program Guidance 240.20 Tracking Costs for Disasters</a> (6 Documents)	
Provider CARES Grants	Phases I and II: Supports to Contracted and Non-Contracted Child Care Centers – Phase I: Emergency Child Care Relief Grants for Early Learning/Child Care Providers – Phase II: High-Quality Reopening Support Grants for Early Learning/Child Care Providers – Phase III: Reopening Support Grants for Contracted Early Learning/Child Care Providers without Program Assessments	5/28/20, 6/28/20, 9/3/20	Expiration of Emergency Declaration Recommended end date for applications is 10/31/2020	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">OEL Program Guidance 240.21 Tracking Costs for Disasters</a> (6 documents)	
Curriculum	Extended date of implementation of 2020 approved curriculum	5/13/20	9/30/20	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">DOE EO-2020-02</a>	<a href="#">Wave 2 Highlights 5-13-20</a>
SR and VPK Contract Monitoring	Suspended contract monitoring	5/13/20	6/30/20	Coalitions & Providers	 DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 Fl	 Wave 2 Highlights - 5-13-20 Final.pdf
SR expenditure limits	Waived expenditure limits of no more than 5% for administrative costs and a total of 22% for a combination of administrative, quality and non-direct services	5/13/20	6/30/20	Coalitions		
CCR&R	Extend the due date for provider profile updates through September 30, 2020.	5/13/20	9/30/20	Coalitions & Providers		
SR Waiting List (Job Search)	Waived documentation for families in the job search category to be placed on the waiting list.	5/13/20	12/31/20	Coalitions & Parents	<a href="#">School Readiness Eligibility Highlights 10-19-20</a>	
SR Eligibility (Job Search)	Job search as purpose for care (initial eligibility and redetermining families).	5/13/20	12/31/20	Coalitions & Parents	 Waive 2 Highlights - SR Eligibility - Upda	
SR Eligibility (Reduced Hours)	Reduced 20 hour per week requirement to meet initial purpose for care (initial eligibility and redetermining families).	5/13/20	12/31/20	Coalitions & Parents	Addressed via amendment to CCDF Plan.	

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2019-20 SR Contract	Extended via rule variance	7/1/20	6/30/21	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">SR Statewide</a>	<a href="#">Provider Contract Extension</a>
Quality Improvement Plans	For providers entering into a 19-20 contract on a QIP, the extended deadline for completion is 6 months after execution of the SR contract extension.	7/1/20 EO 3/23/20	12/31/20	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">Memo on Contract Provider Extension Extensions, PA and CA</a>	 SR Statewide Provider Contract Ex
Quality Improvement Plans	For providers placed on a QIP due to a low program assessment score during the 19-20 contract year, the provider's QIP is extended through the 20-21 contract year. If during that time, they fail to meet the minimum 20-21 contract threshold their contract will be terminated.	7/1/20 EO 3/23/20	6/30/21	Coalitions & Providers	 2020-23 Contract Extensions Program	
VPK Delivery Model	Allow VPK providers an alternate delivery model for VPK instruction outside of the traditional classroom for a limited number of instructional hours.	Upon approval	12/31/20	Coalitions, Providers & Parents	<a href="#">OEL Program Guidance 520.04 VPK Options for the 2020-2021 School Year VPK Program</a>	<a href="#">VPK Flexible Options Guidance Highlights</a>  2020-21 VPK Innovative Options
SR Reimbursement	Allow full time reimbursement for school age children attending providers full time as an	Date school district began school	For the 2020-21 school year and until the child returns to brick and mortar school, as verified by the family and the coalition	Coalitions, Providers & Parents	<a href="#">2020-21 Memo FT Reimbursement for the 2020-21 School Year</a>	 2020-21 REVISED FT Reimbursement to S
SR Reimbursement	<del>Added an additional 6 allowable absences for a total of up to 16 absences. Documentation requirement remains waived.</del> Added an additional 4 allowable absences for a total of up to 14 absences. Documentation requirement remains waived.	10/1/20 11/1/20	10/31/20 11/30/20	Coalitions & Providers	<a href="#">Pending Additional Guidance</a>	

**Additional Information**

COVID-19 Waivers Update	COVID-19 Waivers Update Conference Call PowerPoint 10-1-20				 COVID-19 Waivers Update 10_1 (002).p
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