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Dear County Directors of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies

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Attention: Directors of County Departments of Social Services
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies
Child Care Coordinators, Supervisors, and Managers
Other DSS Personnel who work with the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program

Subject: DCDEE changes to COVID responses

This Dear County Director Letter aims to address DCDEE changes to COVID responses. DCDEE made policy exceptions to ensure that families were not negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. These temporary waivers will soon end. Effective July 1, 2022, the following changes will occur.

- Parent fee waivers will end with June 2022 service month. Families will be responsible for paying their parent fee beginning with July 2022 service month.
- Differential payment for school-age children will end with June 2022 service month. Differential payments will not be made for July 2022 service month and afterward.
- The certification grace period will also end with recertifications that are due June 30, 2022. The June recertifications have until July 20th but all families recertifying in July must have their recertifications submitted and completed before July 31, 2022.
- Attendance recording in the NC FAST Provider Portal will resume to regular pre-COVID procedures, effective July 2022 service month.

A notice will be mailed to families regarding the reinstatement of parent fees. Subsidized Child Care Providers will also receive email notification for parent fees and attendance recording. Additionally, providers will be notified that differential payments will end. Copies of the family notice and provider notice are attached.

If you have questions about these changes, please contact us at dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-814-6380.

Sincerely,

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