***SUMMARY*** *of DFDi # 22-05-01 “Return-to-Normal Policies”*

Effective **May 1, 2022**, the Child Care Assistance Program policy modifications established by in response to the COVID-19 pandemic expired.

**Expired….Returning to Standard Practices:**

1) Priority Criteria Classification. Families impacted by COVID-19 shall no longer be considered a priority population. CCR&Rs shall resume the standard prioritization of admissions for child care assistance services.

2) Redetermination Timeline. The redetermination timeline shall no longer be extended for an additional three (3) months.

3) Application/Documentation Submission and Timeline. The application/ documentation submission timeline for families whose initial applications are in pending status shall no longer be extended for an additional three (3) months. The standard submission timeline shall apply.

4) Document Verification. Alternative document verification shall no longer be accepted. The parent/applicant shall submit the required documentation with their completed application.

5) Agreement Flexibility. Families with school-age children shall no longer be able to change their agreements from part-time to full-time due to COVID-19 related school closures.

6) Bridge Payments. CCR&Rs shall no longer issue bridge payments to providers when families change providers due to closures prompted by COVID-19.

7) Tracking and Reporting Cases. CCR&Rs no longer need to submit monthly reports relating to services provided during the public health emergency. Regular reporting schedules shall resume.

The following Child Care Assistance Program policies adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic **shall continue**:

1) Enrollment-Based Payments. DFD shall continue to pay providers based on enrollment rather than attendance through August 31, 2022, or until further notice is provided by DFD. 3

2) Differential Payments. DFD shall continue to provide Differential Payments for licensed child care centers and family child care providers through December 31, 2023.

3) Copayments. DFD shall continue to pay the total reimbursement rate to providers, including the families’ copayment portion through October 31, 2023.

4) Adverse Actions. All referrals to the State’s Set-Off of Individual Liability (SOIL) system shall continue to be suspended until further notice is provided by DFD