



Child Care Update March 31st, 2020

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT INFO – Further Clarification

Child Care Program Directors/Owners:

We have heard some concerns in the last couple of days, regarding communication you may have received from your Licensor. We want to provide some clarification regarding the reason for this communication. Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, Child Care Licensing and ECSB must be able to track program closures, not only for licensing purposes but for payment purposes as well.

In order to do this, if a program chose to close, licenses will be temporarily suspended in the payment system. Following is information you need to know:

- Licenses will be re-instated once you notify your licensor you have re-opened. You will not have to submit any additional paperwork.
- Subsidy payments will be paid through the date of closure, after invoice submittal. Please reference the email sent out on March 27th for the details on Best Beginnings Scholarship payments and invoicing.
 - Programs participating in STARS to Quality will receive the bonus amount for subsidy based on actual attendance and will be paid through the date of closure.
- STARS to Quality programs who receive incentives, STAR 2 or above, will receive the quarterly payment in April, regardless of the program closure status.
- ECP registry status will not be affected for providers.

We appreciate our Licensor's reaching out to each of you to gather information and offer support. We hope this clarifies information regarding payments.

Thank you and take care, Patty

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