

Informational Webinar on Proposed Rule Revisions and the Impact to CACFP Participation



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Agenda

- Review Proposed Childcare License Rule Changes.
- Discuss Potential Impact of Rule Changes to CACFP Participation.
- Discuss Next Steps for Rule Changes and CACFP Participation.
- Address Question/Answers

Housekeeping

- Please mute all phones to prevent interruption with background noise.
- All questions will be answered at the end of the presentation.
 - Use the webinar feature to submit written questions.
- The presentation will be available on October 16th on DECAL's Website at:
 - *Nutrition/CACFP Participant Information/Handbooks and Instruction*
- Official CACFP policy guidance will be issued on or before January 1, 2016.

DECAL Legislation- Childcare License Requirements

- In April, the 2015 Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 401 (HB401)
- Changes and key updates will affect all facility types
- Bill is now referred to as an Act and will become effective on January 1, 2016
- May 2015- DECAL board authorized necessary revisions to existing licensing rules

Rule Updates required by HB 401

- New Rule book for establishment of *Support Centers*
- Key revisions for some Criminal Records Check rules
 - Eliminates the “*notary*” requirement for Records Check Applications
- Creation of *Permits* due to Change of Ownership

Rule Updates required by HB 401- Impact to CCLC & GDCH

- Child Care Learning Center (CCLC) and Group Day Care Home (GDCH) rule books are merging
- Elimination/removal of Group Day Care Home as a facility type
- CCLC capacity changes:
 - **Current:** 19 or more children in care regardless of relationship.
 - **Proposed Changes:** Seven (7) or more children in care regardless of relationship.

Rule Updates required by HB 401- Impact to Family Providers

- “Family Day Care Homes” changing to
“Family Child Care Learning Homes”
- Changing from ‘registered’ to
‘licensed’



Rule Updates required by HB 401- Impact to CACFP Participation

- Transition from GDCH to Child Care Learning Center status
 - New CACFP Application for center status
 - New CACFP Application for Administrative Sponsor status

Transition from Home to Center

- Enforcement of CACFP Definition for day care homes
 - Elimination of “zoning” to determine facility type
- Impact to Requirements for Certain Program areas:
 - **Eligibility**
 - Application requirements
 - Household Applications for Classification
 - **Reimbursement** Structure
 - Recordkeeping requirements
 - Maintenance of Non-Profit Food Service Account
 - **Administrative Payment/Fee** for Sponsors

Transition from Home to Center

- Accurate application of “day care home” definition.
 - CACFP Federal Regulations 7 *CFR* 226.2 states:
 - An organized nonresidential child care program for children enrolled in a **private home**, licensed or approved as a family or group day care home and under the auspices of a sponsoring organization.
- Therefore, a day care home in agreement with a DCH Sponsor must:
 - Provide nonresidential childcare services to children in their personal, private residence or dwelling.

CACFP Definition-Day Care Home

- Pending DECAL CACFP Policy Guidance, newly implemented CACFP definitions:
 - *“Private Residence”* means the personal residence of the business entity/provider in which nonresidential childcare services are provided.
 - *“Dwelling”* means a shelter (house) in which people live that is designed or used exclusively for residential purposes, including single-family, duplex, and multifamily residential buildings, rooming and boarding, not including motels/hotels.

Eligibility Requirements: Day Care Homes vs. Child Care Centers

Day Care Homes

- Meet the definition
- Execute an Agreement with an Approved Day Care Home Sponsor.

Child Care Centers

- Non-profit
- For-profit
 - 25% rules:
 - Free/Reduced Classifications
 - Title XX and Pre-K Category I
- Agreement Options:
 - DECAL as an independent center
 - Administrative Sponsor

Reimbursement Structure: Day Care Homes vs. Childcare Centers

Day Care Home

- Straight Rate Method
 - Tier I
 - Tier II (high)
 - Tier II (lower)

Childcare Center

- Claiming Percentages Method
- Income Classifications
 - Free
 - Reduced
 - Paid
- Factors:
 - Enrollment
 - F/R/P Classifications per meal type

Administrative Payment/Fees: Day Care Homes vs Childcare Centers

Day Care Home Sponsors

- Earn revenue through a separate administrative fee based on reimbursement rates
- Reimbursement is based on the number of homes claiming for the month

Administrative Sponsors

- Earn revenue based on administrative services provided to sponsored centers
- The revenue is withheld from each center's monthly reimbursement
- Total revenue withheld from each center cannot exceed 15% of the center's total annual reimbursement

Next Steps-Childcare Services

- Proposed rules are currently available for public comment- October 9th-Nov 10, 2015
- Public hearing during DECAL board meeting- November 12, 2015 from 1-2 PM
- Potential Implementation date- January 1, 2016



Next Steps-Nutrition Services

- Review and revise applicable CACFP state policy and/or policy memos
- Review/revise applicable CACFP forms, internal/external processes and procedures
- Schedule and release upcoming training and technical assistance opportunities:
 - Orientation/Program Training for GDCHs
 - Converting to Independent Center with DECAL
 - Orientation/Program Training for Potential Administrative Sponsors
 - Adding the Administrative sponsorship to an existing DCH Agreement.

Next Steps-CACFP Sponsors

- Evaluate current program and operations
 - Identify GDCH population impacted by proposed rule changes.
 - Decide to apply as an Administrative Sponsor, or assist GDCHs with the transition to other Administrative Sponsors or to execute agreement with DECAL.
 - Review and determine the impact to 2016 CACFP Budget and prepare to submit a budget amendment.
- Schedule special meetings/training sessions with sponsored homes/centers to discuss:
 - CCS Rule changes and CACFP day care home definition
 - Impact to CACFP participation
 - Options to continue participation

Implementation Requirements

- CCS Rule Revisions will be implemented and effective January 1, 2016
- **Nutrition Services will require that GDCHs meet new requirements by April 30, 2016.**
 - **Option 1:** Meet the CACFP definition of a “day care home”, and have an executed agreement with a Day Care Home Sponsor
 - **Option 2:** Transition from GDCH to Child Care Center and have an executed agreement with an approved Administrative Sponsor
 - **Option 3:** Transition from GDCH to Child Care Center and have an executed agreement with DECAL

Questions/ Comments



Remember....

- FY 2016 CACFP Annual Renewal Requirements must be completed by November 30th to file a claim for October 2015.
- Recent form, policy and resource revisions are now available on DECAL website. Please refer to the Annual CACFP Document Chart at:
 - <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/documents/attachments/CACFPDocumentChart.pdf>

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