
Care 4 Kids Program

POLICY TRANSMITTAL



DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES-CHILD CARE TEAM

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Subject: **Priority Group 4 Program Opening**

Program Issue: Funds are available to open Care 4 Kids to Priority Group 4 (PG 4) applicants who were not on the wait list. This transmittal confirms the opening of the program to new PG 4 families who submitted applications on or after January 27, 2005.

Background: Section 17b-749-08 (f) of the Child Care Assistance Program regulations provides the Commissioner of DSS with authority to close Care 4 Kids to designated priorities when there is a lack of available funding. PG 4 includes families with income below 50% of the state median income level who have not received Temporary Family Assistance within the five years of the date of their application for Care 4 Kids. Due to funding limitations, the Commissioner closed Care 4 Kids to new PG 4 applicants on August 17, 2002. PG 4 families applying on or after that date were denied and placed on a wait list. The program remained open to families in the higher priority groups – PG1, PG2 and PG3.

Funds to start removing families from the wait list became available in April 2004. Care 4 Kids began mailing letters to groups of wait list families. The letters invited the families to reapply and specified the earliest date benefits would begin. The process continued until January 26, 2005 when letters were mailed to the final group of wait list families. February 1, 2005 was the earliest date benefits could begin for this group. Subsequent to the final wait list mailing, DSS directed Care 4 Kids to open the program to PG 4 applicants who submitted applications after January 26, 2005. February 1, 2005 was also designated as the earliest day benefits could begin for these families.

Implementation: Care for Kids is directed to open the program for PG 4 families that submit applications on or after January 27, 2005. The earliest date benefits may begin is February 1, 2005.

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