
Care 4 Kids Program

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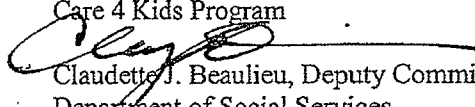


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Subject: Priority Groups 4 and 6 - Program Opening

Program Issue: Care 4 Kids will re-open to Priority Group 4 (PG4) applicants effective November 1, 2009. The program will also open temporarily to PG6 applicants. This re-opening will be monitored very carefully in order to ensure that we do not exceed our appropriation.

Background: Section 17b-749-08 (f) of the Child Care Assistance Program regulations provides the Commissioner of DSS with authority to open and close Care 4 Kids to designated priorities due to funding considerations. Care 4 Kids policy transmittal C4K-POL-02-02 defines the priority groups. PG4 includes families with income below 50% of the state median income (SMI) level who have not received Temporary Family Assistance within sixty months of the date of their application for Care 4 Kids. PG6 includes families with income between 50 and 75% of SMI.

The Commissioner closed Care 4 Kids to new PG4 applicants on May 13, 2009 in response to fiscal concerns. PG4 families applying on or after May 13, 2009 were denied and placed on a wait list.

Prior to May 13, 2009, PG6 was not open to new applicants. Active families were allowed to roll over to PG6 when their income reached 50% of SMI. On May 13, 2009, PG6 was closed to active families reaching 50% of SMI. As of that date, new applicants with income at or above 50% of SMI and active families reaching 50% of SMI were denied. Families denied because of PG6 closure were not placed on the wait list.

Directive: Care for Kids is directed to open the program to PG4 and PG6 applicants effective November 1, 2009. Also, as of that date, active families will be allowed to roll over to PG6. Pending PG4 and PG6 applications and pending actions for families reaching 50% of SMI, that were received prior to November 1, 2009, can be processed and granted, if otherwise eligible.

The earliest date benefits may begin is November 1, 2009.

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