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DATE: April 27, 2020

TO: Debra L. Johnson, Director
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FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo # 21
Annual Inspection Waiver

On March 14, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order NO. 7B, recognizing, in part, that COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, and social distancing protects residents of Connecticut and its state employees. Executive Order NO. 7B authorized the Commissioner of Early Childhood to temporarily waive requirements, including licensing requirements, as deemed necessary to maintain a sufficient capacity of childcare services or otherwise respond to the need for childcare during this public health and civil preparedness emergency. Limiting non-critical interactions between child care licensing specialists and childcare service providers, families, and children will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and ensure that sufficient childcare services are available during this time. In accordance with Executive Order NO. 7B, effective March 23, 2020 annual health and safety inspections for Care 4 Kids providers and annual licensing inspections, as required by General Statutes §§ 19a-80 (b) (3), 19a-87b (a) and 19a-426, which are due to be performed during the declared state of emergency in response to COVID-19 may be conducted and will be prioritized after the declared state of emergency has ended. This waiver will cease when the declared state of emergency ends.