Date: September 20, 2023

To: All Approved Child Care Subsidy Vendors in Virginia

Copy: Local Directors, Child Care Local Case Managers and Supervisors, DSS Regional Practice Consultants, Ready Regions, Child Care Aware

 From: Clifton Wise, Child Care Coordinator, VDOE

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**Subject: Child Care Subsidy Program Update to the Oct. 1, 2022 Vendor Agreement, Paid Child Absences Have Increased**

Dear Child Care Subsidy Provider,

You are receiving this letter because your site participates in the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP). Pursuant to the Code of Virginia §§ [22.1-289.03](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter14.1/section22.1-289.03/) and [22.1-289.046](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter14.1/section22.1-289.046/#:~:text=Such%20regulations%20governing%20orientation%20and,for%20the%20purpose%20of%20determining), VDOE has the authority to set policies for the CCSP. Accordingly, this letter provides notification of an update to the number of paid child absences.

**Effective August 3, 2023, paid child absences increased from 36 paid absences to** **60 paid absences per child, per fiscal year** (the fiscal year is June 1 - May 31). This increase is a result of the CCSP’s ongoing efforts to support vendors like you who provide Child Care Subsidy Programming for your community.

If your program no longer wishes to be a CCSP provider due to this increase of services, you can opt out at any time by contacting Vendor Relations at vendor.manager@dss.virginia.gov.

Additionally, reminders to vendors of attendance policies as well as guidance for planned and unplanned closure days were sent in June 2023 via email [[showdocument (virginia.gov)](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showdocument?id=45461&t=638221796748889432)]. Please be sure to review this guidance. If you have any questions about attendance policies, please send them to vendor.manager@dss.virginia.gov.

Thank you for your participation in the Child Care Subsidy Program and for your continued service to children and families.

Sincerely,


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