

WS 18-04 Change 5 Issued: February 3, 2022 Effective: Immediately Financial Aid Expires: Continuing

To: All Contractors

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Subject: WS 18-04 Managing Financial Aid – Child Care Standards and Guidelines

### Purpose

Update standards and guidelines for authorizing, delivering, supporting, and ending financial aid for early education/child care.

This issuance is effective the date on this letter or the date notification regarding the change was sent. This issuance updates WS 18-04 Managing Financial Aid – Child Care Standards and Guidelines Change 4 issued July 6, 2021.

### Key Changes

- We established one set of income guidelines (85% State Median Income) for both Initial Eligibility and Sustaining Eligibility for customers applying for the general Income Eligible/At Risk and Local Match financial aid.
- We added guidelines for establishing proof of residency for customers experiencing homelessness.
- We updated the guidelines for calculating income.
- We added guidelines for extending the Program Detail for recertifications.

### Summary

- 1. We show new, updated, or revised standards and guidelines in *bold italics*.
- 2. We show deleted standards or guidelines with a strikethrough.

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## Action

• Make sure all staff at every level understand and follow the information included in the updated <u>child care standards and guidelines</u>.

# Questions

Please direct questions about these changes to us through the electronic <u>Issuance Q&A</u>.