



SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER #01-20

TO: Directors of County Departments of Social Services
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies

SUBJECT: Clarification of Subsidized Child Care Assistance (SCCA) Program Policy

ATTENTION: Child Care Coordinators
Other DSS Personnel who work with the SCCA Program

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The purpose of this Administrative Letter is to clarify SCCA policy regarding:

- (1) In-Home Care

Eligibility for In-Home Care

1. General Information

A core purpose of CCDF is to promote parental choice and to empower working parents to make their own decisions regarding the child care services that best suit their family's needs. Parents have the option to choose from center-based care, family child care, or care provided in the child's own home. Lead Agencies must ensure that families receiving CCDF funding have the opportunity to choose from the full range of eligible child care settings and must provide families with equal access to child care that is comparable to that of non-CCDF families.

2. Policy

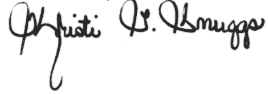
A family may choose in-home care for their child(ren) if that is the best option. In order for child/ren to receive subsidy services in their own home, the child(ren)'s home must be licensed as a Family Child Care Home.

3. Procedure

When an eligible family chooses in-home care, the family must complete the licensing process necessary to become a Family Child Care Home provider. The process includes the parent(s) who will be the owner(s) of the home and the person who will be providing the child care. The individual(s) providing the child care cannot be the child's parent(s).

If you have questions about the information in this letter, or other Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program questions, please contact dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov to reach technical assistance and policy consultation.

Sincerely,



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