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SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER #02-22

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

ISSUE DATE: March 9, 2022

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

(1) Waiving Asset Limits for Families Defined as Receiving or in Need of Protective Services

1. General Information

Policy in Chapter 5, III. B. Child Care to Support Child Protective Services, section 2 Income Eligibility states, Subsidized child care services are provided to children receiving child protective services without regard to family income and no parent fees are assessed. Child care services may be provided to support CPS as long as the family continues to receive child protective services and the child remains in his/her own home.

Policy in Administrative Letter #08-15 states that families declaring assets in excess of \$1,000,000 are ineligible for Subsidized Child Care Assistance.

2. Policy

To align with provisions in the Child Care and Development Fund Act of 2014, this policy will provide clarification regarding waiving the assets limit for families receiving protective services.

Families who receive subsidized child care services with a need of Child Protective Services (CPS) or Child Welfare Services (CSWS) are determined eligible without regard to family income or asset declaration. A family receiving services with a need of CPS or CWS can declare assets over \$1,000,000 and will still be determined eligible based on their need for care. A parent fee shall not be assessed for any family receiving services with a need of CPS or CWS.

3. Procedure

All families should be asked about asset declaration when they apply and/or reapply for subsidized child care services. The asset limit will be waived for all families receiving subsidized child care services with a need of CPS or CWS.

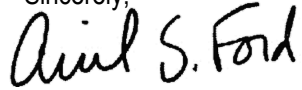
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If you have questions about the information in this letter, or other Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program questions, please contact dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov to reach technical assistance and policy consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ariel S. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ariel Ford, Director
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