



# EL PASO COUNTY

## COLORADO

<p>COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCCAP) PROCESS &amp; PROCEDURE <b>Child Care for School-Age Children</b></p>	<p>REFERENCE CFR 98.56 (c), 26-2-805 (7)(j) C.R.S, 9 CCR 2503-9, <b>CDHS Volume § 3.912 (LL)</b></p>
<p>EFFECTIVE DATE <b>August 11, 2020</b></p>	<p>REVISION DATE <b>September 10, 2020</b></p>

### BACKGROUND

**Rule Reference:** CFR 98.56 (c), 26-2-805 (7)(j) C.R.S, 9 CCR 2503-9, 3.912 (LL), MEMO number: OM-ECL-2020-003 & OM-ECL-2020-004

#### *Income Maintenance Volume III 3.912 (LL) - County Responsibilities*

- LL. With regard to services to students enrolled in grades one (1) through twelve (12), no funds may be used for services provided during the regular school day, for any services for which the students received academic credit toward graduation, or for any instructional services, which supplant or duplicate the academic program of any public or private school, this applies to grades 1 through 12. Exceptions to this may include but are not limited to:
1. When a child is temporarily prohibited from attending his/her regular classes due to a suspension or expulsion; or,
  2. When a child is temporarily out of school due to scheduled breaks; or,
  3. When a child is temporarily out of school due to unexpected school closures.

### PURPOSE

To authorize and pay for care for families in El Paso County with coverage for school-age children enrolled in grades 1 through 12 when there is not an option to attend school in person. El Paso County will authorize and pay for care of school-age children while they are completing remote, virtual, or online schoolwork as long as the child care provider is strictly providing care and supervision of the child who is participating in remote learning activities. The child care provider is not acting as a teacher or conducting direct instruction that would result in academic credit.

### PROCESS & PROCEDURE

#### Child Care for School-Age Children

- El Paso County will authorize and pay for care, up to full-time, for eligible and approved families that request it when in-person school instruction is not an option.
  - Request will be treated as changes and processed within the 10-day allowance to process changes per CCCAP program rules.
  - Unless retroactive coverage is requested, approval will be from the date full-time care coverage is requested.

## **PROCESS & PROCEDURE continued....**

### **Child Care for School-Age Children continued...**

- Retroactive coverage will only go back to the date the clarification on the interpretation of CCDF regulations were provided by the Federal Government and communicated to Counties via memo of August 11, 2020.
- Full-time care, when approved, will be approved only until in-person resumes on a part-time or full-time schedule.
  - El Paso County will rely on reported updates from: Families, Schools, Contracted Providers, and Community Partners to stay informed of school changes that could possibly result in a change to the full-time authorized care coverage.
- El Paso County may, on a case by case basis, authorize and pay for care, up to full-time, for eligible and approved families that request it when said family opts out of available in-person school instruction. Families requesting expanded care in these instances will be assessed/staffed at the leadership level to determine if a true need for care exists.
  - The staffing process will consist of a review of the circumstances surrounding a parent's decision to opt out of in-person instruction and will include, but may not be limited to, an assessment based on the health needs of CCCAP children and family members and the impact care would have (if any) on mitigation or removing associated risks.
  - Any requests falling under this subsection, whether approved or not, will be thoroughly documented in CHATS Case Comments.