



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Early Education and Care

Programs Eligible for CCDF Funding That are not Required to be Licensed by EEC	Field Operations Policy – Funded Programs
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POLICY STATEMENT

In 2014, the Federal Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act became law. This law reauthorized Federal funding of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which is used primarily to provide States, Territories, and Tribes with funding for subsidized child care for low income families. The CCDBG Reauthorization included multiple changes to various requirements regarding the provision of child care. These changes were required in order to ensure that children are receiving care in the safest and highest quality environment possible.

In order to ensure timely adoption of certain changes, the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) is issuing new policies to clarify and explain these changes. **This policy defines Funded Programs that are not subject to EEC’s licensing regulations and are eligible to receive CCDF subsidy funding.**

The following license-exempt child care providers shall be eligible to receive CCDF funding to provide subsidized child care:

Funded Center-Based Program: A public school, private school, religious or parochial school, government, or other institution operating pursuant to “Services Primarily Limited to Kindergarten, Nursery, or Preschool” in EEC’s Policy Statement: Criteria for Exemption from Licensing or does not require an EEC license under G.L. c. 15D, section 1A that has a current voucher agreement or subsidy contract to care for one or more children receiving CCDF subsidy.

- A “current” Funded Center-Based Program has an active voucher agreement or subsidy contract that was issued on or prior to September 30, 2019.
- A “new” Funded Center-Based Program will have a voucher agreement or subsidy contract issued on or after June 1, 2019.

Funded Informal Child Care Provider: An individual that does not require an EEC license to operate under G.L. c. 15D, section 1A receiving the published In-Home Child Care Rate to provide child care to no more than 5 children at any time, where the child or children are **not related** to the caregiver and **care is occurring in the home of the child**. A funded informal

child care provider must be approved to operate in this capacity by EEC or a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCRR).

- A “current” Informal Child Care Provider has a current and active informal placement authorization on or prior to September 30, 2019
- A “new” Informal Child Care Provider will have an informal placement authorization on or after June 1, 2019.

License-Exempt Funded Informal Relative Child Care Provider: An individual that does not require an EEC license to operate under G.L. c. 15D, section 1A receiving the published In-Home Child Care Rate to provide child care to one or two children receiving CCDF subsidy, where the child or children are **related** to the caregiver¹ and **care is occurring either in the home of the child or the home of the relative caregiver.**

¹ A relative caregiver is a person who is a grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, or sibling by blood, marriage, or adoption. See 606 CMR 10.02.