



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Board of Early Education and Care (EEC) is proposing amendments to its regulations found at 606 CMR 10.00, pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 15D, § 3. The proposed amendments are to the Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA) regulations.

The primary goals of these revised regulations are to: (1) expand initial eligibility to families with incomes at and up to 85% of State Median Income (SMI); (2) codify priority access for staff working in early education and care programs; and (3) ensure CCFA does not count as income for purposes of disqualifying families for other state governmental assistance.

EEC is proposing these regulatory amendments as mandated by the Legislature in accordance with the adoption of M.G.L. c. 15D, § 13A.

At its February 12, 2025, EEC Board meeting, Board Members voted to adopt these regulations in draft form and to provide for an extended public comment period.

Accordingly, EEC will accept comments on the proposed regulations via e-mail to [robert.p.orthman@mass.gov](mailto:robert.p.orthman@mass.gov), or in writing to Department of Early Education and Care, 50 Milk Street, 14th Floor, Boston, MA 02109 ATTN: CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REGULATIONS: LEGAL until 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2025. To obtain a copy of the proposed regulations, please visit EEC's website at [www.mass.gov/eec](http://www.mass.gov/eec).