



Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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Dear CAPS Child Care Provider,

I am writing for the following important reasons:

- To remind all eligible CAPS providers that you must be Quality Rated (**either 1, 2, or 3 stars**) by **December 31, 2021**, to continue receiving CAPS funding.
- To invite you to participate in a live webinar to share information about the CAPS 2021 Quality Rated deadline on **July 15, 2021 at 12:30pm**. Click on the following link to register for this important webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2481294694387757323>
- To inform you of the following changes to CAPS policy related to the **CAPS 2021 Quality Rated** deadline. These changes go into effect **July 1, 2021**.
 1. Added definitions for **CAPS/Quality Rated Probationary Status**, **CAPS/Quality Rated Provisional Status**, **Quality Rated Cohort Group**, and **Quality Rated Provider**. The policy can be [viewed in CAPS Definitions and Acronyms \(CAPS/00-2\)](#).
 2. Added the CAPS/Quality Rated deadline date and milestones. A summary of the milestones are detailed below, and the policy can be [viewed in CAPS Participating Providers Policy \(CAPS/00-11\), section 11.4.2](#).
 - Beginning **August 1, 2021**, CAPS providers who have not registered for a **2021 Quality Rated Cohort Group** will no longer be able to accept new CAPS families.
 - Beginning **January 1, 2022**, CAPS families whose children are enrolled with an unrated provider will have to choose a **Quality Rated Provider** at their redetermination in 2022.
 - If you are registered for and participate in 2021 Cohort 4 but have not received your rating by January 1, 2022, your CAPS funding will not be affected.
 - If you participate in a 2021 Cohort and receive a zero-star rating, you will receive a provisional status, and your CAPS funding will not be affected while you continue to work toward a star rating.

CAPS providers should review CAPS policies regularly because policies are subject to change. For more information on CAPS policy, visit <https://caps.decal.ga.gov/en/Policy/>. If you have questions, contact us at 1-833-4GA-CAPS (1-833-442-2277).

Sincerely,

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