



# Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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**Brian P. Kemp**  
Governor

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November 2, 2020

Re: Important Updates to CAPS Policies

Dear CAPS Family Member,

This letter is to inform you of some important changes to CAPS policy. The changes detailed below go into effect November 2, 2020.

1. Changed “parental authority” to “parent;” “case manager” to “CAPS staff;” and “Georgia Lottery-funded Pre-K” to “Georgia’s Pre-K Program.” The policy can be [viewed in CAPS Definitions and Acronyms \(CAPS/00-2\)](#).
2. Clarified that parents can enroll their school age child in any educational program of their choice; however, CAPS may reimburse a provider only for before and after care for school age children attending a public or private school while school is in session. The policy can be [viewed in CAPS Parent Rights and Responsibilities Policy \(CAPS/00-3\), section 3.3.4](#).
3. Added language noting that if a child care provider has not been selected at eligibility determination, families can receive up to an additional 90 calendar days to select a child care provider. The policy can be [viewed in CAPS Application Process Policy \(CAPS/00-4\), section 4.7.2.1](#).
4. Clarified language noting that a provider should report non-attendance and excessive unexplained absences to the State Provider Management Agent (SPMA). The policy can be [viewed in CAPS Purchased of Child Care through Scholarships \(CAPS/00-10\), section 10.8.2](#).
5. Clarified that parents cannot reside at or work for the Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) that receives subsidies for the parent’s child. The policy can be [viewed in CAPS Participating Providers Policy \(CAPS/00-11\), section 11.4.1.2](#).

If you have questions, contact us at 1-833-4GA-CAPS (1-833-442-2277).

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in supporting your child’s early education needs. For more information on CAPS policy, visit our webpage at <https://caps.decal.ga.gov/en/Policy/>.

Sincerely,

November 2, 2020

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisabetta Kasfir".

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Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs