



# Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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Re: Important Updates to CAPS Policies

Dear CAPS Child Care Provider,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some important changes to CAPS policy. The changes detailed below were enacted in policy effective May 15, 2020.

1. Clarified that when there is a **change of ownership**, the new owner is eligible to receive CAPS payment the date they are issued their permit and/or temporary or continuing license. Effective that date, the previous owner is no longer eligible to provide care or receive payment. The policy can be [viewed in section 11.3](#).
2. Clarified that when **multiple types of care** are provided for the same child within the same service week (i.e., full time, part time, before and/or after), the maximum rate CAPS will reimburse the provider is the state maximum rate for full time care. The policy can be [viewed in section 10.8](#).
3. Added **bachelor's degree** programs as a CAPS state-approved activity. The policy can be [viewed in section 6.8](#).
4. Removed requirement that **Quality Rated** eligible providers be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 because DECAL is extending the deadline for the 2020 Goal. DECAL will communicate the new date as soon as it is determined. The policy can be [viewed in section 11](#).

All CAPS providers are responsible for viewing CAPS policies on a regular basis because policies are subject to change. For more information on CAPS policy, visit our webpage at <https://caps.dec.al.ga.gov/en/Policy/>. If you have questions, contact us at 1-833-4GA-CAPS (1-833-442-2277).

Thank you for all you do to provide quality child care environments for our families.

Sincerely,

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