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To: Superintendents of Schools

From: Theodore S. Sergi, Commissioner of Education

Re: Addendum to Circular Letter C-26; Procedure and Policy Issues regarding Health Services

Since Circular Letter C-26 was issued in June 2001, a new Connecticut Early Childhood Health Assessment record for children in early childhood programs was developed as the single *statewide* health assessment form for children who have not yet entered kindergarten. Healthy Child Care Connecticut created the form and it meets all requirements of childcare licensing regulations and all legislative mandates for School Readiness Programs and Head Start Performance Standards. The format is consistent with the State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record (HAR-1) used for children in kindergarten through grade twelve.

This form has been approved by the State Department of Education and can be used for children in early childhood programs in the local public schools. Section II (c) of Circular Letter 26 stated that the results of the health assessments must be recorded on the blue HAR. This position is now amended so that the results of the health assessment can be recorded on the Early Childhood Health Assessment Record for those children enrolled prior to entry into kindergarten. The new form will be yellow in color and will be available from the Connecticut Department of Public Health at http://www.state.ct.us/dph/.

Cc: School Medical Advisors School Nurse Supervisors