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## DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES

*Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities*



Ned Lamont  
Governor

### MODIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY ENTERED AND TERMINATED ORDERS PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 7M

Whereas, on March 10, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont proclaimed a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut;

Pursuant to the Authority granted to me by Governor Ned Lamont under Executive Order 7M dated March 25, 2020, as Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, I enacted orders within the scope of the authority granted to me; and, on July 16, 2020, I modified and terminated several of those orders.

Due to the recent increase in COVID positive cases in the state, and the possibility for continued increase, the following previously terminated order is re-instated:

- Temporary Suspension of 30 day requirement for MDE
  - I temporarily suspend the requirement that MDEs be completed within 30 days of the child coming into DCF care. The Director of Pediatrics shall develop guidance as to how the medical needs of a child coming into DCF care shall be assessed during this pandemic, including the use of telehealth technology.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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