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To: DCF Contracted Providers
From: Vannessa Dorantes, Commissioner
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Subject: **4th Quarter Payment Status**

As we continue to progress through this time, we at the Department are very aware of the financial impact that this pandemic is having on our provider partners. To that end, we petitioned the Office of Policy and Management for early release of 4th Quarter payments for all contracted, budget-based providers. Early yesterday, OPM approved our request and released our allotments. To that end, our Contracts staff have been working tirelessly for the last day to prepare your payments and we anticipate that the majority, if not all, of our state funds and most of our federal funds tied to your 4th Quarter payments will be released by end of week.

Payment of state funds will be made in full for 4th Quarter with no holdbacks (other than those already communicated to you based on reconciliation of prior year unexpended funding). Additionally, in light of our current situation, the Department will be lenient in its approach to review of year end financial reports and their compliance with established variance levels.

As always, if you have any questions about this or the status of your payment, please feel free to reach out to Melanie Sparks (Melanie.Sparks@ct.gov / 860 978-6592). If you have any concerns about expenses being incurred that are not in your current approved budget, please contact your assigned Contracts Lead.

It is my commitment that the Department will remain a good and collaborative partner during this unprecedented time as we balance the continuity of services for our vulnerable population with the health and safety of all Connecticut residents, including your staff. To the fullest extent possible, the Department will work cooperatively with our provider partners consistent with our shared responsibility to Connecticut's children and their families.

Please attempt to remain apprised of the State's evolving emergency management plans as they evolve. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Sparks. Thank you for your on-going support and partnership.