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**SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 01-12**

**TO:** Directors of County Department of Social Services  
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies

**FROM:** Deborah J. Cassidy, Ph.D. 

**ISSUED:** February 22, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Discontinuation of Subsidy Payment for the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Portion of the Day

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 22, 2012

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification related to payment of subsidy funds for the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) program portion of the day. In 2011 the General Assembly transferred the administration of the More at Four Pre-kindergarten Program to DCDEE. The program is now known as the NC Pre-K. As noted in the August 23, 2011 allocation letter from DCDEE, this transition included cost savings based on discontinuing subsidy payments to supplement the More at Four portion of the day. **This policy is effective February 22, 2012.** Clarifications and changes are summarized below.

**Chapter 20: Payment Policies**

Payment for a preschool age child must be based on the child's age and percentage of time that the child needs care. This includes preschool age children who may be enrolled in a Head Start program, NC Pre-K, or a preschool program in a public school. Effective immediately counties do not have the option to use subsidy funds to pay for the NC Pre-K portion of the day. If this option is being exercised in your LPA, please send 10-day Child Care Action Notices to terminate services.

**Chapter 21: Payment Rates**

Attachment 1 is no longer applicable to the Subsidized Child Care Program. Please remove Attachment 1 from Chapter 21 in your manual.

Please distribute this letter to your child care staff and all other agency staff who work with the Subsidized Child Care Program. If you have questions, please contact your Subsidy Services Consultant.

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cc: Child Care Coordinators  
Subsidy Services Consultants  
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