



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Office of Child Care



Summary of Waiver Approvals (this summary will be updated as new waivers are approved)

The tables below summarize waiver approvals for states, territories and tribes for all waiver requests reviewed between March 1, 2020 through August 13, 2020.

Cumulative Summary of Approved State and Territory Waiver Requests

This table summarizes the 49 waiver approvals by state and territory and by provision approved as of August 20, 2020. This cumulative table includes all waivers approved to date. New waiver approvals added to this table are in italics (4 new approvals). Waivers previously approved as of June 30, 2020 are not italicized (45 approvals).

The cumulative summary of all waiver approvals for these state and territory requests is:

- (1) 29 states and territories requested and were approved for waivers of pre-licensure and annual health and safety inspections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended restricting visitor access to child care programs and physical distancing for all Americans at this time, therefore many states have opted to postpone or cancel these inspections and have restricted the opening of new programs. Many of these states report they will still conduct visits should they receive complaints about abuse and neglect.
- (2) 26 states and territories requested and were approved to waive copayments for all families. As many families are struggling with income during this time, states have chosen to remove this economic hardship and are opting to pay providers with other means.
- (3) 23 states and territories requested and were approved for waivers for fingerprint, National Sex Offender Registry, inter-state checks, and provisional hire requirements of criminal background checks as these fingerprint locations are closed in many states and therefore unable to process requests.
- (4) 13 states requested and were approved for waivers of health and safety training requirements as in-person trainings have been suspended following CDC guidelines.
- (5) 13 states and territories requested and were approved for waivers related to eligibility including 10 waivers of the 12-month eligibility period requirement and four waivers of the income eligibility limit for essential workers– as they are unlikely to continue to need assistance with child care for a full 12-month period and two waivers for the definition of relative child care provider to include other extended family members (such as cousins, great-grandparents, etc.) as the waiver indicates the relative is providing child care for essential workers for the emergency period only.
- (6) 10 states requested and were approved for waivers of certain health and safety standards. The standards requested were tied to the inability to perform in-person training on the standard. No requests to waive ALL Health and Safety Standards were received.
- (7) 5 states requested and were approved to waive fiscal requirements related to liquidation of FY2018 funds and obligation of FY2019 funds and percentage requirements for direct services and quality spending.
- (8) 2 states requested and were approved for waivers in order to pay two providers for the same child.

Summary of State/Territory Approved Waivers

State	Requested Waiver Start Date	Provision(s) Requested								Approval Date
		Background Checks	Health and Safety Inspections	Health and Safety Standards	Health and Safety Training	Eligibility	Waive Copayments for all Families	Payment Practices	Fiscal Requirements	
Alabama	4/17/2020					X – 12-month eligibility				6/8/2020
Alaska	3/11/2020						X			4/21/2020
American Samoa	6/1/2020	X - fingerprinting					X			6/30/2020
Arizona	3/11/2020			X	X					6/8/2020
Arkansas	3/13/2020 3/25/2020	X – fingerprinting				X – 12-month eligibility				6/8/2020
<i>California</i>	3/21/2020 4/1/2020 4/8/2020		X			X – 12-month eligibility	X			6/8/2020 8/20/2020
Colorado	4/1/2020		X				X			6/8/2020
Connecticut	3/26/2020	X – fingerprinting; provisional hire	X		X					4/21/2020
Delaware	4/1/2020		X							6/8/2020
Florida	4/1/2020						X			6/8/2020

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		Background Checks	Health and Safety Inspections	Health and Safety Standards	Health and Safety Training	Eligibility	Waive Copayments for all Families	Payment Practices	Fiscal Requirements	
Georgia	4/1/2020					X – 12-month eligibility				4/21/2020
Guam	3/14/2020						X			6/30/2020
Hawaii	3/31/2020 5/8/2020	X – fingerprint	X					X – paying two providers		6/8/2020
Iowa	3/16/2020	X – fingerprinting; provisional hire	X				X			4/21/2020
Kansas	3/12/2020	X – fingerprinting; suspended renewals; provisional hire	X		X	X – expand relative provider definition; 12-month eligibility				4/21/2020 6/30/2020
Kentucky	3/1/2020 3/20/2020	X – fingerprinting		X - prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment; handling and storage of hazardous materials and the	X		X			4/21/2020 6/8/2020

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		Background Checks	Health and Safety Inspections	Health and Safety Standards	Health and Safety Training	Eligibility	Waive Copayments for all Families	Payment Practices	Fiscal Requirements	
				appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants						
Louisiana	3/11/2020	X – fingerprinting	X				X			4/21/2020
Maine	3/26/2020 4/11/2020		X				X			6/8/2020
Massachusetts	3/16/2020	X – fingerprinting; provisional hire; 180 employment separation; 45 day response	X – inspections; posting of inspection reports	X			X			6/8/2020
Minnesota	3/13/2020 3/18/2020		X	X - pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation	X			X – paying two providers		6/30/2020
Mississippi	3/1/2020			X		X – income limits for essential workers: 12-month eligibility	X			6/8/2020
Missouri	3/13/2020 5/1/2020	X – fingerprinting	X		X	X- 12-month eligibility				4/21/2020 6/8/2020

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Montana	3/16/2020	X – fingerprinting; provisional hire	X	X						X – Use 70% of discretionary funds on direct services	6/30/2020
Nevada	3/16/2020		X								6/8/2020
<i>New Hampshire</i>	3/27/2020 4/6/2020	X – fingerprinting	X					X			6/8/2020 8/20/2020
New Mexico	3/13/2020		X					X			6/8/2020
New York	3/12/2020 3/18/2020	X – fingerprinting; interstate checks	X		X			X			6/8/2020
<i>North Carolina</i>	3/10/2020 4/1/2020 9/30/2020	X – fingerprinting	X		X			X		X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	4/21/2020 6/8/2020 8/20/2020
Northern Mariana Islands	3/16/2020 4/1/2020 5/1/2020		X				X-12-month eligibility	X			6/8/2020
Ohio	3/18/2020	X – fingerprinting; provisional hire	X	X	X						6/8/2020

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Oklahoma	3/15/2020					X – Job search; expand relative provider definition	X			6/8/2020
Oregon	3/8/2020	X – fingerprinting	X		X		X			4/21/2020
Pennsylvania	3/19/2020	X – suspend renewals	X	X – pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation						4/21/2020
<i>Puerto Rico</i>	6/30/2020 9/30/2020						X		<i>X - FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	8/20/2020
Rhode Island	3/2/2020						X			6/8/2020
South Carolina	3/13/2020	X – fingerprinting	X	X	X	X – income limits for essential workers	X			6/8/2020
Tennessee	3/3/2020	X – fingerprinting	X	X	X	X – income limits for essential workers	X		X – Use 70% of discretionary funds on direct services	6/8/2020

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Texas	3/1/2020 3/25/2020	X – fingerprinting	X		X	X – income limits for essential workers; 12-month eligibility	X			6/8/2020
Utah	4/20/2020 5/14/2020	X – fingerprinting; interstate checks	X			X- 12-month eligibility			X – Use not less than 3% of funds on quality activities for infants and toddlers	6/8/2020
Vermont	3/18/2020 3/21/2020	X – fingerprinting; NSOR; interstate checks	X				X			6/30/2020
Washington	2/29/2020	X – fingerprinting; provisional hire	X				X			6/8/2020
Wisconsin	3/24/2020		X							6/8/2020

Cumulative Summary of Approved Tribal Waiver Requests

This table summarizes the 50 waiver approvals by tribe and by provision approved as of August 20, 2020. This cumulative table includes all waivers approved to date. New waiver approvals added to this table are in italics (13 new approvals). Waivers previously approved as of June 30, 2020 are not italicized (37 approvals).

The cumulative summary of all waiver approvals for these tribal requests is:

- (1) 31 tribes requested and were approved to waive copayments for all families. As many families are struggling with income during this time, tribes have chosen to remove this economic hardship and are opting to pay providers with other means.
- (2) 20 tribes requested and were approved to waive fiscal requirements related to liquidation of FY2018 and obligation of FY2019 funds as many tribes are closed and unable to spend any funds.
- (3) 6 tribes requested and were approved for a waivers related to eligibility, including one waiver of the 12-month eligibility period requirement, one waiver of the income eligibility limit for essential workers– as they are unlikely to continue to need assistance with child care for a full 12-month period, and four waivers for the definition of relative child care provider to include other extended family members (such as cousins, great-grandparents, etc.) as the waiver indicates the relative is providing child care for essential workers for the emergency period only.
- (4) 3 tribe requested and was approved for a waiver of health and safety inspections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended restricting visitor access to child care programs and physical distancing for all Americans at this time, therefore tribes have opted to postpone or cancel these inspections and have restricted the opening of new programs. These tribes report they will still conduct visits should they receive complaints about abuse and neglect.
- (5) 2 tribes requested and were approved for waivers for fingerprint requirements of criminal background checks as these fingerprint locations are closed and therefore unable to process requests.
- (6) 2 tribes requested and was approved for a waiver of health and safety training requirements as in-person trainings have been suspended following CDC guidelines.
- (7) 1 tribe requested and was approved for waiver of certain health and safety standards. No requests to waive ALL Health and Safety Standards were received.

Summary of Tribal Approved Waivers

Tribe	Requested Waiver Start Date	Provision(s) Requested						Fiscal Requirements	Approval Date
		Background Checks	Health and Safety Inspections	Health and Safety Standards	Health and Safety Training	Eligibility	Waive Copayments for all Families		
Arctic Slope Native Association	3/30/2020	X - fingerprinting							6/30/2020
<i>Bois Forte Tribal Community</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X - FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma	4/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA)	3/24/2020						X		6/30/2020
<i>Cherokee Nation</i>	<i>4/1/2020</i>					<i>X - expand relative provider definition</i>			<i>8/20/2020</i>
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	3/15/2020						X		6/8/2020
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation	3/1/2020						X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020

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Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC)	4/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Coquille Indian Tribe	9/30/2020							X – FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	2/29/2020						X		6/30/2020
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	4/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
<i>Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
<i>The Hopi Tribe</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
<i>Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada</i>	<i>3/1/2020</i>		X		X				<i>8/20/2020</i>
Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA)	4/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma	3/23/2020					X – income limits for essential workers	X		6/30/2020

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The Klamath Tribes	9/30/2020							X – FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
Lummi Nation	4/1/2020						X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline	6/30/2020
<i>Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
<i>Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i>	<i>7/1/2020</i>						X		<i>8/20/2020</i>
Mocdoc Tribe of Oklahoma	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	3/16/2020						X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
<i>Navajo Nation</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
Nez Perce	9/30/2020							X – FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
Nome Eskimo Community	9/30/2020							X – FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020

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Northern Cheyenne Tribe	3/16/2020	X - fingerprinting			X				6/30/2020
Osage Nation	3/1/2020						X		6/8/2020
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Peoria Tribe of Indians	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
<i>Pueblo of Zuni</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>		X	X					<i>8/20/2020</i>
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	3/16/2020					X – expand relative provider definition	X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
Quapaw Nation	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
<i>Round Valley Indian Tribes</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
Sac and Fox	5/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
<i>San Carlos Apache Tribe</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
Seneca-Cayuga Nation	4/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Shawnee Tribe	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	3/1/2020 6/1/2020					X – 12-month eligibility	X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	2/29/2020					X – expand relative provider eligibility definition			6/30/2020
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)	3/13/2020						X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020
Tanana Chiefs Conference	3/18/2020		X				X		6/30/2020
<i>Tohono O’odham Nation</i>	9/30/2020							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline</i>	8/20/2020
Tulalip Tribes	3/7/2020						X		6/8/2020
United Kaetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
White Earth Reservation Tribal Council	4/1/2020						X		6/8/2020

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<i>White Mountain Apache Tribe</i>	<i>9/30/2020</i>							<i>X – FY2018 liquidation deadline</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma	3/1/2020						X		6/30/2020
Yakama	4/17/2020 6/1/2020					X – expand relative provider definition	X	X – FY2018 liquidation deadline; FY2019 obligation deadline	6/30/2020