

Step Up To Quality Deadline Extended

Provider Communication March 27, 2020

Per Amended Substitute House Bill 197, the deadline for programs providing publicly funded child care (PFCC) to be Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) rated has been extended to September 1, 2020. This means that any program providing PFCC has until September 1, 2020 to become SUTQ rated. Programs with a provider agreement that are not rated will be able to continue providing PFCC after July 1, 2020.

ODJFS and ODE are not completing SUTQ initial registrations, desk reviews, annual reports or onsite verification visits due to the closure of all child care programs and schools in Ohio. We are currently assessing the impact the closures will have on rating expiration dates and annual report deadlines so as to not impact programs' ratings. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

As a reminder, all approved pandemic programs must submit their spreadsheet, all enrollment and verification forms (together) to ODJFS by Monday, March 30, 2020 at 10:00 am in order to receive payment the 3rd week of April. Payment information is available on the provider pandemic information page <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare/>

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