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What Department of Human Services (DHS) Certified Child Care Providers Need to know about the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funding

The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning's (OCDEL) goal is to assist providers and families toward reopening following the COVID-19 crisis. Please review the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) funding as you prepare for reopening your provider's program.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Funding

- DHS certified providers with Child Care Works (CCW) provider agreements will begin to receive CARES funding from their regional Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC).
- Certified providers that have a revocation with Certification are **not eligible** for CARES funds.
- CARES funds are **not** loans.
 - Certified providers will not have to repay/return this funding to OCDEL or to the ELRCs if they are currently operating or intend on opening.
- Certified providers must submit the [Attestation Form](#) and any other required forms to their local Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) such as W-9 or the 1099 for eligibility of payment of CARES Funds.
 - A second round of payments will go to providers in July, so if you missed the initial June 22, 2020, submission due date, you will have until July 22, 2020, to submit the form.
 - This date will be updated on the form.
 - If you already submitted the [Attestation Form](#), you **do not** need to resubmit the form to the ELRC for the July payment.
- Certified providers who do not have a current CCW agreement with the ELRC are eligible for CARES funding.
- Contact your [local ELRC](#) if you have questions on applying for funds.
- CARES payments will go to the certified provider location, **not** to the corporate agency, if a provider is part of a large legal entity. One completed attestation must be submitted for each location.
- OCDEL recommends CARES Act funding recipients work with their tax professional to learn the personal and/or business impact of receiving CARES Act funding.
- If a certified provider intends to re-open, even if the re-opening date is several months away, the provider is still eligible for CARES funds.

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