



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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### Important Capital Quality Updates

April 21, 2020

**Due to the extension of the recommended closure period for child care providers, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is canceling the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observations for all child care providers for the remainder of the 2019-20 program year.**

#### What does this mean for your designation?

Capital Quality designations will not be calculated in fall 2020. Observations will resume in fall 2020 and the fall 2021 calculations will use the 2018-19 and 2020-21 school year observation data. Additional information for each group is included in the table below. Groups 4 and 5 will maintain their current designation at this time.

Group	Original Timeline	Update
Pilot and Group 2	Tiered reimbursement aligns with the Capital Quality designation in fall 2020.	Timeline remains the same, the designation reflected on My Child Care DC will be the designation at which you are reimbursed beginning Oct. 1, 2020.
Group 3	Quality profile on My Child Care DC reflects the designation calculated in fall 2020 and tiered reimbursement rate reflects the calculated designation in fall 2021.	The designation you are currently reimbursed at will continue for the next fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2020. Your designation calculated in fall 2021 will be reflected on My Child Care DC and will align with your reimbursement rate.

#### Updates to My Child Care DC

Over the past year, OSSE has been working with providers, families and other early childhood partners to improve My Child Care DC, the District's one-stop-shop for families looking for licensed child care. We are releasing the updated My Child Care DC site on Friday, May 1.

You will notice a refreshed look and feel on My Child Care DC with revised licensed provider profiles, including the addition of the Capital Quality tabs, which include more information for families. Other new features include an improved search function and the ability for families to register and save searches on the site. These changes accompany the publishing of Capital Quality designations on My Child Care DC, which occurred in December 2019.

With a number of child care facilities being closed due to coronavirus (COVID-19), we are postponing any advertising of the site or a more public announcement of the updated site at this time.

OSSE understands the updates to the website and the addition of new information in the Capital Quality tabs may prompt questions from families. We encourage you to utilize the prepared communication tools and resources on the [Capital Quality page](#) on OSSE's website. You can also reach out to [CapitalQuality@dc.gov](mailto:CapitalQuality@dc.gov) with questions.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to making the safety of our students, early education workforce and school communities a priority. Regular updates will be shared with you via email and you can find additional resources and information about the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19) at [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).