

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Heidi Schumacher**  
**Assistant Superintendent, Health and Wellness**

**FROM: Anjali Talwalkar**  
**Interim Senior Deputy Director, Community Health Administration**

**DATE: August 31, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Extension for Collection of Oral Health Assessment Forms**

The child development facility licensing regulation (5A District of Columbia Municipal Regulation (DCMR) § 152.1) requires parents to submit to the licensed child development centers (LCDCs) and to Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), *appropriate, complete documentation of a comprehensive physical health examination, which shall include evidence of age-appropriate health examinations or screenings and up-to-date immunizations, and, for each child three (3) years of age or older, evidence of an oral health examination.* This is an annual requirement.

The COVID-19 pandemic led to modifications of medical and dental care operations and availability of selected in-person services. As such, the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) will extend the collection of Oral Health Assessment Forms (OHAFs) by licensed child development facilities for children age three (3) and older until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This extension applies only to the collection of OHAFs by LCDCs at the time of a child's first day at the LCDC and annually thereafter. This grace period only applies to children age three (3) and older both currently enrolled as well as those newly enrolling. Upon the expiration of this temporary grace period on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all health forms for all enrolled and newly enrolling children must be current and up-to-date with the facility in accordance with 5A DCMR §§ 152.1-152.13.

If you have any questions, please contact Urvi Patel, Oral Health Program Manager via email at [urvi.patel@dc.gov](mailto:urvi.patel@dc.gov).

Sincerely,



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