



Updates from the SC Child Care Voucher Program

August 14, 2020

- Effective August 31, 2020, child care providers should go back to reporting absences as they did pre COVID-19. Any absences after August 30, 2020 should be coded as VAC, SIK, or any other reason that applies. Once a family misses 10 consecutive dates from August 31, 2020, and does not return in that third week, the provider should drop that child from their SVL.
- If the facility is closed after August 30, 2020, the provider should notate the absence code as FCL and the child will be dropped after the proper 10 consecutive days absence from August 31st forward.
- Beginning September 1, 2020, SC Vouchers will be approved only for child care providers enrolled in the ABC Quality program.
- Effective August 31, 2020 (depending on school start date), school-age children eligible for SC Vouchers can be paid for time in child care when the children are completing remote, virtual, or online schoolwork (e.g., a school age child that lives in a district that is not providing a five-day in-classroom instruction option). **Providers will be expected to keep SC Voucher updated as school districts open for in-classroom instruction.**
 - Under this scenario, if a child is eligible for a full and half-time voucher, the SC Voucher program will connect and pay for a full-time subsidy payment rate for school-age child care.
 - If a child is eligible for only half-time care, the connection can be made for only half-time rates.

If you have any questions about vouchers, please contact the SC Voucher Control Center at (800)262-4416. Staff are available to assist you.

Thank you for your dedication to children and families!
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