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CDS Administrative Letter: Number 34

TO: CDS Contracted Programs, CDS Regional Sites

FROM: Roy Fowler, CDS State Director

DATE: November 15, 2017

RE: 2018-2019 School Calendar

The CDS 2018-2019 School (Academic/Program/FAPE) Year Calendar is now available on the CDS website. The calendar consists of 175 school days for children aged 3-5 who receive Special Education and Related Services pursuant to Part B 619 services.

This calendar must be used by all sites and will be reviewed by the State Director on an annual basis. Revisions made to the academic calendar by individual sites and or contracted providers will result in non-payment for services provided on days not on the approved academic/program calendar.

For children attending Public Preschool or Head Start Programs their IEP services will follow the calendar set by that specific program. The IEP should reflect these dates and this calendar must be placed in the child's file for access if needed.

The only time the school calendar will have adjustments will be for snow days. If you or your program closes for other reasons, that time cannot be billed for make-up.

CDS will only pay for IEP services that occur on the days that are determined as school days. Evaluations are allowable on non-school days per agreement with the Regional Site Director.

Please see Administrative Letter #35 – Clarification of Make-up, Snow Day and Services Previously Unavailable for information regarding making up for missed sessions.

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