

EES Policy No. 21-09-11	RE: CC Ending Temporary Expansion of Definition of Relative CC Provider
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Effective October 1, 2021, the temporary expansion of the definition of a relative child care provider for Hero Relief child care cases will no longer be in effect, and child care plans must only be written using relative child care providers who are the grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling (not living in the home) of the child being cared for as described in KEESM 10022.

The transition for Hero Relief cases using a provider will occur as follows. Effective October 1, 2021, no new child care plans will be written for any child care case, including Hero Relief cases, unless the relative provider is the grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling of the child being cared for as described in KEESM 10022. Ongoing Hero Relief cases using relative child care providers who do not meet those criteria will not be required to change providers until the current eligibility period ends. Beginning October 1, 2021, at review, EES staff will carefully review Hero Relief cases that are using relative child care providers to determine the relationship of the provider to the child. If that provider is not the grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling of the child, the parent must be notified that the emergency provisions that allowed their provider to be enrolled as a DCF provider for them have ended, and if they wish to continue receiving child care, they'll need to choose another provider. EES staff will also need to email the provider enrollment staff in their region as they come upon these cases at review so that they will know that the provider needs to be terminated.

It is important to note that the Hero Relief program is NOT ending at this time. Staff will be notified when the Hero Relief program is changed or ended.