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DAAS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER: 20-06

TO: Area Agencies on Aging Directors
Family Caregiver Support Program Specialists
Project C.A.R.E. Family Consultants

DATE: April 16, 2020

FROM: Hank Bowers, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Extension of \$2,500 Respite Care Cap for FFY2020

Thank you for the work you are doing to support family caregivers, particularly during this unprecedented public health emergency.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS), recognizes the unique challenge of continuing to meet the respite needs for Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) clients. To aide regional and local Family Caregiver Support Program representatives to better serve family caregiver respite clients during the COVID-19 pandemic, the previously implemented \$2,500 cap of respite funds between the Family Caregiver Support Program and Project C.A.R.E is extended an additional \$2,500 for a maximum of \$5,000.

This letter serves as a temporary replacement of DAAS-Administrative Letter 12-07 that addresses respite policy revisions. Specifically, this extension speaks to the circumstance described in DAAS-Administrative Letter 12-07 Criteria #6, page 2 *“Other circumstances seen as extreme where waiving the \$2,500 cap will alleviate hardship on the family and/or the care recipient and as funding limitations allow.”*

This extension to a maximum of \$5,000 will be made available to eligible caregivers on a first come, first serve basis of funds available in the Family Caregiver Support Program. It is effective immediately and will last for the remainder of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 – June 30, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Laura Jane Ward, Family Caregiver Support Program Consultant at Laura.ward@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-855-3417.

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