

## Update to Guide to Subsidized Early Care and Education Services

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Below are key changes to rules for children deemed “At Risk” of abuse, neglect or exploitation, or who receive Children’s Protective Services (CPS) and request subsidized child care services. Please insert this update at page eleven (11) of the “Guide.”

“At Risk” children	“CPS” children
<p>Requires a referral letter from a legal, medical, social services agency or emergency shelter</p> <p>Maximum of three months child care services available</p> <p>Family fee may be waived if requested in letter</p> <p>At end of three months, to continue services, family must either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a CPS referral letter certifying that family is receiving family preservation services pursuant to WIS code section 16500.5 or family maintenance services pursuant to section 16506, or</li> <li>• Must have a need for child care and meet regular eligibility requirements</li> </ul> <p><i>At Risk referrals are now limited to children who are living with their parent(s) and no longer apply to Foster Care or guardianship families.</i></p>	<p>Requires a referral letter from county welfare department’s children’s protective services on county letterhead documenting that family is receiving services through family preservation or family maintenance (WIC sections 16500.5 or 16506, respectively) programs</p> <p>Maximum of twelve months child care services available</p> <p>Family fee may be waived if requested in letter</p> <p>At end of twelve months, to continue services, a new referral letter is required, but no fee waiver after initial twelve months of waiver</p> <p><i>CPS referrals are now limited to children who are living with their parent(s) and no longer apply to Foster Care or guardianship families.</i></p> <p><i>Note: See page 12 of the guide for information regarding what to include in the referral letter, in addition to the new fee waiver exemption.</i></p>

