

## Provider Attendance and Reimbursement during a Temporary Closure

### Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the VPK Program (6M-8.204):

#### a. Temporary Closures Caused by Emergency Circumstances.

1. A student is considered to have attended all VPK program hours offered during a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances for a combined total of five (5) instructional days for each VPK class ***if the private provider or school district submits notification in writing to the coalition the dates which the provider was closed.***

a. A closure is temporary if the provider resumes instruction following the closure.

b. A closure is caused by emergency circumstances when a state of emergency is declared by federal, state or local officials for the area in which the provider is located.

2. A temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances is not payable for any student who does not attend a VPK instructional day following the closure.

3. A private provider or school district shall revise its class schedule to restore VPK instructional days which are lost due to temporary closures caused by emergency circumstances in excess of a total of five (5) instructional days for a VPK class.

4. A private provider or school district may revise its class schedule to restore the instructional days lost as a result of a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances instead of accepting payment for a temporary closure.

### 6M-4.501 Reimbursement During Emergency Closures (School Readiness):

(1) Each coalition shall maintain a Continuation of Operations Plan (C.O.O.P.) to be used in the event of emergency closings due to catastrophic events. Providers shall be reimbursed at the rate normally received during non-emergency hours when a coalition activates its Continuation of Operations Plan (C.O.O.P.).

(2) The coalition may consider reimbursement, in accordance with Federal and State law, for circumstances of temporary closure for individual providers when closure is beyond the control of the provider or the closure is caused by emergency circumstances, including but not limited to the declaration of a state of emergency by federal, state, or local officials, or the closure of public schools in the area in which the provider is located. In no circumstances may a coalition reimburse in excess of the pre-existing approved hours for an individual child during the temporary closure.