In a moment of crisis, state agencies often need to change or waive existing rules to meet current needs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CHILDREN AT RISK is monitoring the waivers impacting children across the state of Texas. Below is a list of the education, health and nutrition waivers along with a brief description.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)**

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** – approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), women and children no longer need to be physically present to participate in WIC or to pick up their Electronic Benefits Transfer cards and/or paper coupons and if food is limited, Texas is able to allow appropriate substitutes and amounts of certain WIC-prescribed foods.

**Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** – approved by the USDA, sites are exempt from following the meal pattern requirements and standard serving measurements while providing food to children.

**Meal pickup** – approved by the USDA, sites are allowed to distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children.

**Meal times** – approved by the USDA, sites do not have to serve breakfast, lunch, and snack during the designated times.

**Non-congregate feeding** – approved by the USDA, children are able to take food home instead of being required to eat the food on site.

**Afterschool activity** – approved by the USDA, structured and supervised environment with an educational or enrichment activity is not required to provide afterschool meals.

**Texas Health and Human Services (HHS)**

**Medicaid, Medicare, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** – approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), existing eligible clients will be automatically renewed to maintain continuity of coverage. States are not allowed to terminate coverage.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** – approved by the USDHHS, interview requirements for households applying for SNAP have been waived along with all renewal requirements for households currently receiving services (until further notice) and certification periods and reporting requirements are extended.

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)**

**Income Eligibility** – pending federal approval from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), a simplified income test for essential workers, based on self-attestation will be administered to determine if they meet the income limit of 150% of the State’s Median Income.

**12-Month Eligibility Period** – pending federal approval from DHHS, essential workers will be given relief from the 12-month eligibility period that is required to qualify for subsidy care.

**Parent Share of Cost (PSOC)** – pending federal approval from DHHS, supplemental payments to child care providers will be given to offset the PSOC.