

From: "SDE,Surrogate Office" <Surrogate.Office@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Surrogate Parent Contract Update
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Dear Surrogate Parent,

First, I would like to thank you for your patience as we go through the process of updating the Surrogate Parent Contracts. Additionally, I personally apologize for any inconvenience and anxiety this delay may have caused you.

We are working diligently to ensure that the contract will be provided shortly. I hope this e-mail can clarify most, if not all, of your questions in order for you to continue doing the important work of serving our children.

Please note that the following information is being provided to address the questions we have received regarding the contract.

1. Authority to provide services pending receipt of new contract: Each of you has been appointed as a Surrogate Parent per Section 10-94h of the Connecticut General Statutes. This law stipulates, in part, the duration of this appointment as follows: "Appointment of a surrogate parent shall be effective until the child reaches eighteen years of age..." Therefore, even in the absence of the contract, you have the authority to attend PPTs and any other meetings, and provide the necessary services for your assigned student(s). **Please continue to provide all necessary services for your assigned students.**

2. Contract: Please be advised the contract changes we are considering will not impact the rate of your current compensation. The contract you will be receiving will reflect the current \$210 for full-day and \$155 for half-day meeting attendance; and the current compensation rate structure for routine duty days remains the same. However, there will be language in the contract

that will require a reduction from 3 minimum meeting/site visit attendance to 2 and a maximum will be set of 4 meetings/site visits. Recognizing that there are high needs students, the contract will have provision for a waiver to the maximum meeting/site visits, should a Surrogate Parent need to exceed the 4 meeting maximum.

Finally, due to parking restrictions at the State Office Building in Hartford, the Thursday, July 23 meeting will be held 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the following location.

**Crowne Plaza Hotel,
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT.**

Once again, thank you for your patience and we will see you next Thursday in Cromwell. Have a wonderful weekend.

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