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TO: Licensed Child Care Centers and Public Schools

FROM:  Ed Norman, Program Manager
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SUBJECT: DHHS Memo on Funding and Enrollment

Public schools and licensed child care facilities in North Carolina are eligible to participate in the funding mechanisms to cover the costs of testing for lead in water and inspecting for asbestos and lead-based paint hazards beyond the May 1, 2024 deadline listed in 10A NCAC 41C .1002(a). Due to the recent impacts of Hurricane Helene and other natural disasters, this deadline has been revised statewide, and facilities that have not yet enrolled should complete the online process by May 31, 2025.

The Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids Program is providing free facility-wide testing and inspections without any out-of-pocket costs. Due to the volume of testing and inspections, completion of the online enrollment process in the program is considered temporary compliance with the testing and inspection requirement and will allow facilities to participate in the funding mechanisms. Required water testing for child care centers under rule 15A NCAC 18A .2816 is not affected by the new May 31, 2025 deadline.

Enroll today at <https://www.cleanwaterforcarolinakids.org/enroll>. If you have enrolled for only one or two of the program sections, log back in to complete surveys for the remaining section(s) to comply with the rule requirements.

Thank you for your participation in ensuring healthy learning environments for children across North Carolina. Please contact me at ed.norman@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-218-6511 if you have questions regarding this guidance.

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