

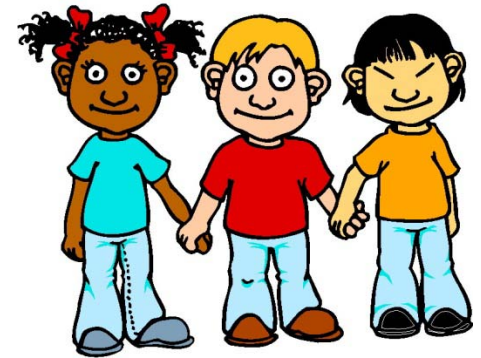
CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION SESSION



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DSS Child Care and Finance Staff



POLICY CHANGES

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Percentage of Income used for Parent Fees

Changes were made to set Parent Fees at 10% of gross monthly income for all families who are required to pay a fee.

Families who receive assistance to support Child Welfare Services, Foster Care Services for children in CCDSS custody and Child Protective Services will continue to be exempt from the fee requirement.

Proration of Parent Fees

Parent Fees will no longer be prorated.

Families who need part-time care will be assessed the full-time Parent Fee based on 10% of the gross monthly income.

This means that if a family's Parent Fee has been assessed to a school age or preschool age child for wrap care, the family will pay 100% of the Parent Fee based on 10% of the family's gross income.



Maximum Income Eligibility Limits

For ALL NEW APPLICANTS, to determine a child's eligibility for Subsidized Child Care, county staff will use:

- 200% of the federal poverty for children ages 0-5 and for all children with special needs
- 133% of the federal poverty level for all children ages 6-12 who do not have special needs

For CHILDREN CURRENTLY RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDY, children shall continue to receive services based on 75% of the State median income criteria until the child's next eligibility redetermination. This includes any child whose next eligibility redetermination begin date is prior to October 1, 2014.

Changes to Definition of Income Unit - Effective JANUARY 1, 2015

- 1. The definition of income unit has been changed to include the following:**
 - A Stepparent and Stepparent's child, if applicable; and
 - A Nonparent Relative Caretaker, and the Caretaker's Spouse and Child, if applicable, when the parent of the child receiving Subsidized Child Care does not live in the home with the child.

- 2. The determination of eligibility and income calculations on all cases receiving subsidized child care must include:**
 - All members of the newly defined income unit
 - Any countable income of all income unit members.

JANUARY 1, 2015 CHANGES (cont'd)

3. County staff must contact families in order to obtain the following information:

- Names of all household members and their relationship to the child/children in care.
- Verification of income of all household members, if applicable (If household member receives FNS, staff may deem income from FNS).

4. All new household members and any income must be added to the case by January 1, 2015.

EFFECTS OF CHANGES as of October 31, 2014

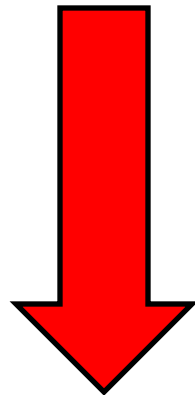
Case Terminations due to increased parent fee:	50
Case Terminations due to parent no longer bringing Child to facility:	<u>98</u>
TOTAL TERMINATIONS	148

What Does All This Mean To You The Provider???

Decreased Enrollment

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Decreased Subsidy Payment





Subsidy Payment Changes

Will my payment be affected?

By how much?

How will I know?

Policy Changes

(Effective October 1, 2014)

- Half time care will receive half time payment
 - Less than 18 hours of care
 - Before and/or After school care (R06)
- Split parent fees to allow some families to remain eligible
 - Parent fee may be applied to multiple children
 - Split fee if siblings are in different centers/facilities



Example:

- After school 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM M-F NTE
17.999 hrs.
- R06 – \$363.00
- R03 (half time rate) – \$242.00
- Difference in pay - **\$121.00** per half time child

Facility Rate Subform

RCode	RateType	Rate or R03	75% or R06	50% or R36
R03	2	\$484.00	\$363.00	\$242.00
R06	2	\$363.00	\$272.25	\$181.50

Things to Remember



- **Fiscal Rate Forms**
 - Payment based on your request
 - Lowest rate will be rewarded
 - Private Paying Rate vs. Market Rate
- **Reconcile, Reconcile, Reconcile**
 - Reimbursement summaries a.k.a Turnarounds
 - Submit discrepancy sheets
 - 30 days upon receipt of reimbursement summary
 - Consider factors that will affect payment
 - Start date
 - Closed days
 - Absences
 - Returned voucher
 - Plan of care

Things to Remember (Cont'd)

- **Submit attendance reports on time**
 - 1st 5 working days of the month
 - Original signatures
 - Use the legend provided
 - Holidays vs. Closed days
- **New Market Rates**
 - Effective January 2015
 - Available on website (NCDCDEE)
- **Pay attention to action notices, vouchers, etc.**
 - Breaks only children
- **Submit discrepancy sheets**
- **Reconcile, Reconcile, Reconcile!**
- **Collect parent fees**
- **Contact Us!**

