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2021 COVID-19 Family Differential Payment Notice

(September through December 2021)

Dear Child Care Provider:

To continue to promote continuity of services to support families receiving child care assistance and child care providers impacted by COVID-19, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD) is making available COVID-19 Family Differential Payments beginning September 2021 through December 2021.

The purpose of these payments is to help families offset the cost of care for children receiving child care assistance. Effective September 1, 2021, providers will receive the Family Differential Payments, instead of COVID-19 supplemental payments, for all eligible children with authorized agreements through December 2021 with no changes in the payment process or schedule.

The Differential Payments will provide up to \$300 for full-time care, or \$150 for part-time care, per eligible child, per month above the provider's based-line reimbursement rate. This additional amount must be used to reduce or eliminate the tuition difference and any other costs or fees paid by families, e.g. co-payments. If any money is owed, the Differential Payment amount must be applied as a credit.

In order to receive Differential Payments, the attached **2021 COVID-19 Family Differential Payment Acknowledgement Form**, must be completed and signed by both the provider and parent, and then returned to the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agency in your county by August 31, 2021.

If you have questions, you may contact your CCR&R Agency Bergen County Office for Children at: ofcContactInfo@co.bergen.nj.us or 201-336-7150.