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Dear Provider:

You are receiving this letter because you serve families enrolled in New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD), Child Care Assistance Program. As of December 2021, reimbursement rates will increase for family child care providers and approved homes. The new payment rates are scheduled to be published on December 10, 2021. Please visit <https://www.echildcarenj.org/eccpw/> to see the new increased rates for family child care providers and approved homes.

Please note: Changes to the Parent/Applicant Provider Agreement (PAPA) reflecting these changes will be updated when agreements are reissued. However, providers will see the new rates displayed in the payment portal by December 19, 2021.

As a reminder, from November 2021 to October 2023, DHS/DFD's reimbursement rate will include the families' copayment portion, and copayments should no longer be collected from families during this two (2) year period. Families who select child care providers that charge more than the maximum State rate have been informed they are still responsible for paying that difference. However, DHS/DFD strongly encourages providers to accept the State rate as full payment.

Our goal with this rate increase is to provide relief to child care providers.

If you have questions, you may contact **Bergen County Office for Children** at **201-336-7150**.