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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Instruction is to establish policy and procedure related to the New Jersey Child Care Programs, informing all Child Care Subsidy Program Providers of increases to the maximum Child Care payment rates.

II. AUTHORITY

N.J.A.C. 10:15-2.2(a)(4) and -10.1(c).

III. OVERVIEW

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act, as amended, along with Section 418 of the Social Security Act authorizes the primary funding for the nation's Child Care Subsidy Programs. In November 2014, Congress reauthorized (renewed and updated) the CCDBG Act to increase the health, safety, and quality of CCDF-funded Child Care.

Effective January 3, 2021, to support the requirements of the Federal law and in recognition of the increasing minimum wage in New Jersey, Division of Family Development (DFD) will be implementing an across the board increase to the subsidy base rate for Child Care Centers, and to the Grow NJ Kids tiered payments for center-based providers.

The rate increase will be reflected during Pay Period **1/3/21-1/16/21**. The Providers will see the new rate increases in the **February 2, 2021** direct deposit.

**IV. POLICY**

Effective immediately, CCR&Rs must publish the attached *January 2021 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes* letter to their agency's website.

**V. SYSTEMS**

For all existing agreements, the CARES system will undergo an automated mass change on January 23, 2021, to ensure that new and existing agreements reflect the new rates.

The rate increase will be displayed on all Parent/Applicant Provider Agreements (PAPAs) after the mass change. Only upon request by a subsidy recipient or provider may CCR&Rs re-print PAPAs that were generated before the mass change (that display the new rate).

**VI. FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS**

- January 2021 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes Letter
- Maximum Child Care Payment Rates Charts (Effective January 3, 2021)

If you need additional guidance, please contact your Child Care Supervisor assigned to your county.

Sincerely,  
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**January 2021 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes**

Effective January 3, 2021, there will be an increase to the subsidy base rate and the Grow NJ Kids tiered rate for Child Care Centers. The rate increase will be reflected during Pay Period **January 3, 2021-January 16, 2021**. The Providers will see the new rate increases in the **February 2, 2021** direct deposit.

You may view the 2021 Maximum Child Care Payment Rate Chart at:  
<http://www.childcarenj.gov/Resources/Reports>.



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MAXIMUM CHILD CARE PAYMENT RATES  
CHILD CARE**

Effective: January 3, 2021

	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			ACCREDITED CHILD CARE CENTERS			REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			ACCREDITED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			APPROVED HOMES FFN & IN-HOME PROVIDERS		
	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
<b>INFANTS</b> <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,024.25	236.55	47.31	1,075.46	248.37	49.67	670.28	154.80	30.96	703.20	162.40	32.48	403.56	93.20	18.64
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	512.13	118.27	23.65	537.73	124.19	24.84	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
<b>INFANTS</b> <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,229.10	283.86	56.77	1,290.56	298.05	59.61	814.04	188.00	37.60	856.48	197.80	39.56	487.56	112.60	22.52
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	614.55	141.93	28.39	645.28	149.02	29.80	407.02	94.00	18.80	428.24	98.90	19.78	243.78	56.30	11.26
<b>TODDLERS</b> <i>18 to 29 Months</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	850.74	196.48	39.30	893.28	206.30	41.26	670.28	154.80	30.96	703.20	162.40	32.48	403.56	93.20	18.64
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	425.37	98.24	19.65	446.64	103.15	20.63	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
<b>TODDLERS</b> <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,020.89	235.77	47.15	1,071.93	247.56	49.51	814.04	188.00	37.60	856.48	197.80	39.56	487.56	112.60	22.52
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	510.45	117.89	23.58	535.97	123.78	24.76	407.02	94.00	18.80	428.24	98.90	19.78	243.78	56.30	11.26
<b>PRESCHOOL</b> <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	707.36	163.36	32.67	742.73	171.53	34.31	526.52	121.60	24.32	549.92	127.00	25.40	314.36	72.60	14.52
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	353.68	81.68	16.34	371.36	85.77	17.15	263.26	60.80	12.16	274.96	63.50	12.70	157.18	36.30	7.26
<b>PRESCHOOL</b> <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	898.35	207.47	41.49	943.27	217.84	43.57	670.28	154.80	30.96	703.20	162.40	32.48	403.56	93.20	18.64
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	449.18	103.74	20.75	471.63	108.92	21.78	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
<b>SCHOOL-AGE</b> <i>5 to 13 Years</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	650.13	150.15	30.03	682.64	157.65	31.53	526.52	121.60	24.32	549.92	127.00	25.40	314.36	72.60	14.52
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	325.07	75.07	15.01	341.32	78.83	15.77	263.26	60.80	12.16	274.96	63.50	12.70	157.18	36.30	7.26
<b>SCHOOL-AGE</b> <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	825.66	190.68	38.14	866.94	200.22	40.04	670.28	154.80	30.96	703.20	162.40	32.48	403.56	93.20	18.64
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	412.83	95.34	19.07	433.47	100.11	20.02	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32

The amounts listed above represent the maximum authorized rates for child care. The parent/applicant may select a provider with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances, the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these maximum rates, as well as for the required co-payment.

Provider/caregivers eligible for accredited rates include:

- > Licensed child care centers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children - National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, Council on Accreditation (COA) of Services for Families and Children, and National Early Childhood Professional Accreditation (NECPA);
- > Registered family child care providers accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care;
- > School age child care programs accredited by the National School Age Child Care Alliance; and
- > Summer camps accredited by the American Camping Association.



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MAXIMUM CHILD CARE PAYMENT RATES  
CHILD CARE**

Effective: January 3, 2021

	GROW NJ KIDS 3-STAR RATED PROVIDERS			GROW NJ KIDS 4-STAR RATED PROVIDERS			GROW NJ KIDS 5-STAR RATED PROVIDERS		
	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
<b>INFANTS</b> <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>1,126.31</b>	<b>260.12</b>	<b>52.02</b>	<b>1,171.68</b>	<b>270.60</b>	<b>54.12</b>	<b>1,230.25</b>	<b>284.12</b>	<b>56.82</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>563.15</b>	<b>130.06</b>	<b>26.01</b>	<b>585.84</b>	<b>135.30</b>	<b>27.06</b>	<b>615.13</b>	<b>142.06</b>	<b>28.41</b>
<b>INFANTS</b> <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>1,351.57</b>	<b>312.14</b>	<b>62.43</b>	<b>1,406.01</b>	<b>324.71</b>	<b>64.94</b>	<b>1,476.30</b>	<b>340.95</b>	<b>68.19</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>675.78</b>	<b>156.07</b>	<b>31.21</b>	<b>703.01</b>	<b>162.36</b>	<b>32.47</b>	<b>738.15</b>	<b>170.47</b>	<b>34.09</b>
<b>TODDLERS</b> <i>18 to 29 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>893.60</b>	<b>206.37</b>	<b>41.27</b>	<b>929.50</b>	<b>214.67</b>	<b>42.93</b>	<b>975.98</b>	<b>225.40</b>	<b>45.08</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>446.80</b>	<b>103.19</b>	<b>20.64</b>	<b>464.75</b>	<b>107.33</b>	<b>21.47</b>	<b>487.99</b>	<b>112.70</b>	<b>22.54</b>
<b>TODDLERS</b> <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>1,072.31</b>	<b>247.65</b>	<b>49.53</b>	<b>1,115.40</b>	<b>257.60</b>	<b>51.52</b>	<b>1,171.18</b>	<b>270.48</b>	<b>54.10</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>536.16</b>	<b>123.82</b>	<b>24.76</b>	<b>557.70</b>	<b>128.80</b>	<b>25.76</b>	<b>585.59</b>	<b>135.24</b>	<b>27.05</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL</b> <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>763.82</b>	<b>176.40</b>	<b>35.28</b>	<b>794.45</b>	<b>183.48</b>	<b>36.70</b>	<b>834.17</b>	<b>192.65</b>	<b>38.53</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>381.91</b>	<b>88.20</b>	<b>17.64</b>	<b>397.22</b>	<b>91.74</b>	<b>18.35</b>	<b>417.08</b>	<b>96.32</b>	<b>19.26</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL</b> <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>970.05</b>	<b>224.03</b>	<b>44.81</b>	<b>1,008.95</b>	<b>233.01</b>	<b>46.60</b>	<b>1,059.39</b>	<b>244.66</b>	<b>48.93</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>485.03</b>	<b>112.02</b>	<b>22.40</b>	<b>504.47</b>	<b>116.51</b>	<b>23.30</b>	<b>529.70</b>	<b>122.33</b>	<b>24.47</b>

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