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I. PURPOSE

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

As such, this Instruction will effectively rescind the former DFD Instruction No. 19-10-01.

II. 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 5, 2020, 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 January 5, 2020-January 18, 2020. The Providers will see the new rate increases in the February 4, 2020 direct deposit.

III. **AUTHORITY**

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

IV. **POLICY**

Effective immediately, CCR&Rs must publish the attached *January 2020 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 25, 2020, 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**

- Maximum Child Care Payment Rates Chart (Effective January 5, 2020)
- January 2020 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes Letter

If you need additional guidance, please contact your Child Care Specialist.

Sincerely,

Natasha Johnson

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January 2020 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes

Effective January 5, 2020, there will be an across the board 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 5, 2020-January 18, 2020**. The Providers will see the new rate increases in the **February 4, 2020** direct deposit.

You may view the 2020 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 5, 2020	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
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	994.42	229.66	45.93	1,044.14	241.14	48.23	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>	497.21	114.83	22.97	522.07	120.57	24.11	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,193.31	275.59	55.12	1,252.98	289.37	57.87	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>	596.66	137.80	27.56	626.49	144.69	28.94	407.02	94.00	18.80	428.24	98.90	19.78	243.78	56.30	11.26
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	829.99	191.68	38.34	871.49	201.27	40.25	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>	415.00	95.84	19.17	435.74	100.63	20.13	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	995.99	230.02	46.00	1,045.79	241.52	48.30	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>	498.00	115.01	23.00	522.89	120.76	24.15	407.02	94.00	18.80	428.24	98.90	19.78	243.78	56.30	11.26
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	690.11	159.38	31.88	724.62	167.35	33.47	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>	345.06	79.69	15.94	362.31	83.67	16.73	263.26	60.80	12.16	274.96	63.50	12.70	157.18	36.30	7.26
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	876.44	202.41	40.48	920.26	212.53	42.51	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>	438.22	101.21	20.24	460.13	106.27	21.25	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	634.27	146.48	29.30	665.98	153.81	30.76	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>	317.14	73.24	14.65	332.99	76.90	15.38	263.26	60.80	12.16	274.96	63.50	12.70	157.18	36.30	7.26
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>															
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	805.52	186.03	37.21	845.80	195.33	39.07	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>	402.76	93.02	18.60	422.90	97.67	19.53	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

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	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
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,093.50	252.54	50.51	1,137.55	262.71	52.54	1,194.42	275.85	55.17
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	546.75	126.27	25.25	568.78	131.36	26.27	597.21	137.92	27.58
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,312.20	303.05	60.61	1,365.06	315.26	63.05	1,433.30	331.02	66.20
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	656.10	151.52	30.30	682.53	157.63	31.53	716.65	165.51	33.10
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	871.80	201.34	40.27	906.83	209.43	41.89	952.18	219.90	43.98
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	435.90	100.67	20.13	453.42	104.71	20.94	476.09	109.95	21.99
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,046.16	241.61	48.32	1,088.20	251.32	50.26	1,142.61	263.88	52.78
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	523.08	120.80	24.16	544.10	125.66	25.13	571.31	131.94	26.39
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	745.19	172.10	34.42	775.07	179.00	35.80	813.82	187.95	37.59
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	372.60	86.05	17.21	387.54	89.50	17.90	406.91	93.97	18.79
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	946.39	218.57	43.71	984.34	227.33	45.47	1,033.56	238.70	47.74
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	473.20	109.28	21.86	492.17	113.67	22.73	516.78	119.35	23.87

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