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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Instruction is to establish and announce increased maximum child care reimbursement rates for Family Child Care providers (FCCs) and Approved Homes participating in the Child Care Assistance Program.

II. AUTHORITY

The "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990" (CCDBG Act), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9857 et seq.; Public Law 113-186; 45 C.F.R. Part 98; American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2; N.J.A.C. 10:15-2.2(a)(4) and N.J.A.C. 10:15-10.1(c).

III. OVERVIEW

The CCDBG Act authorizes the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program, which, along with Section 418 of the Social Security Act, provides the primary funding for the Child Care Assistance Program. In 2014, Congress reauthorized the CCDBG Act, establishing new requirements to increase the health, safety, and quality of CCDF-funded child care.

Effective December 1, 2021, to support the requirements of federal law, and in recognition of the increasing minimum wage in New Jersey, the Division of Family Development (DFD) will be implementing an increase to the reimbursement base rates for FCCs and Approved Homes.

FCCs and Approved Homes will see the new rate increases in the December 19, 2021 direct deposit.

IV. POLICY

Effective December 1, 2021, DFD shall pay providers reimbursement rates in accordance with the attached December 2021 Maximum Child Care Payment Rates.

- Rates are increasing for FCCs and Approved Homes only.
- **Note: To clarify between the new base rates and current rates with the temporary differential payments in effect through December 2021, the December 2021 Maximum Child Care Payment Rates Charts each include two rate charts – (1) one that shows the base rates without the differential payments; and (2) one that includes the temporary differential payments.**

V. PROCEDURES

Effective immediately, the Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) shall publish the attached December 2021 Reimbursement Changes Letter to their agency websites, and distribute the letter to FCCs and Approved Homes.

VI. SYSTEMS

Beginning on December 10, 2021, the CARES system will undergo an automated mass change to ensure that new and existing agreements reflect the new reimbursement rates. The rate increase will be displayed on affected Parent/Applicant Provider Agreements (PAPAs) after the mass change. However, the payment changes will be effective for all of December 2021 and providers should see the new rates displayed in the payment portal in advance. Only upon request by an assistance recipient or provider, may CCR&Rs re-print PAPAs that were generated before the mass change (that display the new rate).

VII. FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

- December 2021 Reimbursement Changes Letter
- Maximum Child Care Payment Rates Charts (Effective December 1, 2021)

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

Sincerely,

Natasha Johnson

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Assistant Commissioner

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



Effective: December 1, 2021

Below are two charts. The first chart shows current family child care rates. The second chart shows current family childcare rates with the Temporary COVID-19 Family Differential Payment added into the rates.

	CHILD CARE RATES									CHILD CARE RATES INCLUDING TEMPORARY COVID-19 FAMILY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT*								
	REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			ACCREDITED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			APPROVED HOMES FFN & IN-HOME PROVIDERS			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	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	870.28	200.99	40.20	903.20	208.59	41.72	603.56	139.39	27.88	1,170.28	270.27	54.05	1,203.20	277.88	55.58	903.56	208.67	41.73
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	435.14	100.49	20.10	451.60	104.30	20.86	301.78	69.70	13.94	585.14	135.14	27.03	601.60	138.94	27.79	451.78	104.34	20.87
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	1,014.04	234.19	46.84	1,056.48	243.99	48.80	687.56	158.79	31.76	1,314.04	303.47	60.69	1,356.48	313.27	62.65	987.56	228.07	45.61
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	507.02	117.09	23.42	528.24	122.00	24.40	343.78	79.39	15.88	657.02	151.74	30.35	678.24	156.64	31.33	493.78	114.04	22.81
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	870.28	200.99	40.20	903.20	208.59	41.72	603.56	139.39	27.88	1,170.28	270.27	54.05	1,203.20	277.88	55.58	903.56	208.67	41.73
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	435.14	100.49	20.10	451.60	104.30	20.86	301.78	69.70	13.94	585.14	135.14	27.03	601.60	138.94	27.79	451.78	104.34	20.87
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	1,014.04	234.19	46.84	1,056.48	243.99	48.80	687.56	158.79	31.76	1,314.04	303.47	60.69	1,356.48	313.27	62.65	987.56	228.07	45.61
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	507.02	117.09	23.42	528.24	122.00	24.40	343.78	79.39	15.88	657.02	151.74	30.35	678.24	156.64	31.33	493.78	114.04	22.81
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	726.52	167.79	33.56	749.92	173.19	34.64	514.36	118.79	23.76	1,026.52	237.07	47.41	1,049.92	242.48	48.50	814.36	188.07	37.61
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	363.26	83.89	16.78	374.96	86.60	17.32	257.18	59.39	11.88	513.26	118.54	23.71	524.96	121.24	24.25	407.18	94.04	18.81
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SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	726.52	167.79	33.56	749.92	173.19	34.64	514.36	118.79	23.76	1,026.52	237.07	47.41	1,049.92	242.48	48.50	814.36	188.07	37.61
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	363.26	83.89	16.78	374.96	86.60	17.32	257.18	59.39	11.88	513.26	118.54	23.71	524.96	121.24	24.25	407.18	94.04	18.81
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>																		
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	870.28	200.99	40.20	903.20	208.59	41.72	603.56	139.39	27.88	1,170.28	270.27	54.05	1,203.20	277.88	55.58	903.56	208.67	41.73
Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)	435.14	100.49	20.10	451.60	104.30	20.86	301.78	69.70	13.94	585.14	135.14	27.03	601.60	138.94	27.79	451.78	104.34	20.87

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:

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



Below are two charts. The first chart shows current child care center rates. The second chart shows current childcare center rates with the Temporary COVID-19 Family Differential Payment added into the rates.

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	CHILD CARE RATES						CHILD CARE RATES INCLUDING TEMPORARY COVID-19 FAMILY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT*							
	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			ACCREDITED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			ACCREDITED CHILD CARE CENTERS				
	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>	1,224.25	282.74	56.55	1,285.46	296.87	59.37	1,524.25	352.02	70.40	1,585.46	366.16	73.23		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	612.13	141.37	28.27	642.73	148.44	29.69	762.13	176.01	35.20	792.73	183.08	36.62		
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,469.10	339.28	67.86	1,542.56	356.25	71.25	1,769.10	408.57	81.71	1,842.56	425.53	85.11		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	734.55	169.64	33.93	771.28	178.12	35.62	884.55	204.28	40.86	921.28	212.77	42.55		
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,050.74	242.67	48.53	1,103.28	254.80	50.96	1,350.74	311.95	62.39	1,403.28	324.08	64.82		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	525.37	121.33	24.27	551.64	127.40	25.48	675.37	155.97	31.19	701.64	162.04	32.41		
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,260.89	291.20	58.24	1,323.93	305.76	61.15	1,560.89	360.48	72.10	1,623.93	375.04	75.01		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	630.45	145.60	29.12	661.97	152.88	30.58	780.45	180.24	36.05	811.97	187.52	37.50		
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	907.36	209.55	41.91	952.73	220.03	44.01	1,207.36	278.84	55.77	1,252.73	289.31	57.86		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	453.68	104.78	20.96	476.36	110.01	22.00	603.68	139.42	27.88	626.36	144.66	28.93		
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,152.35	266.13	53.23	1,209.97	279.44	55.89	1,452.35	335.42	67.08	1,509.97	348.72	69.74		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	576.18	133.07	26.61	604.98	139.72	27.94	726.18	167.71	33.54	754.98	174.36	34.87		
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	850.13	196.33	39.27	892.64	206.15	41.23	1,150.13	265.62	53.12	1,192.64	275.44	55.09		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	425.07	98.17	19.63	446.32	103.08	20.62	575.07	132.81	26.56	596.32	137.72	27.54		
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>														
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,079.67	249.35	49.87	1,133.65	261.81	52.36	1,379.67	318.63	63.73	1,433.65	331.10	66.22		
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	539.84	124.67	24.93	566.83	130.91	26.18	689.84	159.32	31.86	716.83	165.55	33.11		

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Below are two charts. The first chart shows current Grow NJ Kids child care rates. The second chart shows current Grow NJ Kids childcare rates with the Temporary COVID-19 Family Differential Payment added into the rates.

	CHILD CARE RATES								
	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>	1,326.31	306.31	61.26	1,371.68	316.79	63.36	1,430.25	330.31	66.06
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	663.16	153.15	30.63	685.84	158.39	31.68	715.13	165.16	33.03
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,591.57	367.57	73.51	1,646.01	380.14	76.03	1,716.30	396.37	79.27
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	795.79	183.78	36.76	823.01	190.07	38.01	858.15	198.19	39.64
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,093.60	252.56	50.51	1,129.50	260.85	52.17	1,175.98	271.59	54.32
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	546.80	126.28	25.26	564.75	130.43	26.09	587.99	135.79	27.16
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,312.31	303.07	60.61	1,355.40	313.03	62.61	1,411.18	325.91	65.18
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	656.16	151.54	30.31	677.70	156.51	31.30	705.59	162.95	32.59
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	963.82	222.59	44.52	994.45	229.67	45.93	1,034.17	238.84	47.77
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	481.91	111.30	22.26	497.23	114.83	22.97	517.09	119.42	23.88
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,224.05	282.69	56.54	1,262.95	291.67	58.33	1,313.39	303.32	60.66
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	612.03	141.35	28.27	631.48	145.84	29.17	656.70	151.66	30.33

	CHILD CARE RATES <i>INCLUDING TEMPORARY COVID-19 FAMILY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT*</i>								
	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>	1,626.31	375.59	75.12	1,671.68	386.07	77.21	1,730.25	399.60	79.92
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	813.16	187.80	37.56	835.84	193.03	38.61	865.13	199.80	39.96
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,891.57	436.85	87.37	1,946.01	449.42	89.88	2,016.30	465.66	93.13
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	945.79	218.43	43.69	973.01	224.71	44.94	1,008.15	232.83	46.57
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,393.60	321.85	64.37	1,429.50	330.14	66.03	1,475.98	340.87	68.17
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	696.80	160.92	32.18	714.75	165.07	33.01	737.99	170.44	34.09
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,612.31	372.36	74.47	1,655.40	382.31	76.46	1,711.18	395.19	79.04
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	806.16	186.18	37.24	827.70	191.15	38.23	855.59	197.60	39.52
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,263.82	291.88	58.38	1,294.45	298.95	59.79	1,334.17	308.12	61.62
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	631.91	145.94	29.19	647.23	149.47	29.89	667.09	154.06	30.81
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,524.05	351.97	70.39	1,562.95	360.96	72.19	1,613.39	372.61	74.52
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	762.03	175.99	35.20	781.48	180.48	36.10	806.70	186.30	37.26

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