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PROGRAM INSTRUCTION
SUBJECT: Grow NJ Kids Family Child Care Tier Reimbursement
ISSUE DATE: March 8, 2022 | DFDI No.: 22-03-02
IMPACTED PROGRAMS: Child Care Assistance Program
HISTORY:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Instruction is to establish and announce an expansion of the Grow NJ Kids tiered reimbursement to include Family Child Care providers (FCCs).

II. AUTHORITY

The "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990" (CCDBG Act), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9857 et seq.; 42 U.S.C. § 9858e; Public Law 113-186; 45 C.F.R. Part 98; 45 C.F.R. § 98.53; 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. Some of the CCDF funding is available on the condition that the funds be used to improve the quality of child care services. New Jersey has used some of those funds to implement Grow NJ Kids, the Division of Family Development's (DFD) quality benchmark for infant, toddlers, and preschool-age children.

Grow NJ Kids is a tiered quality rating system that provides recognition, incentives, support services, and higher reimbursement rates to child care providers who meet enhanced quality standards. To date, Grow NJ Kids higher tiered reimbursement rates have been limited to licensed child care centers.

On March 1, 2022, DFD expanded Grow NJ Kids to establish new tiered reimbursement rates for FCCs that have a rating level at 3, 4, or 5 stars.

IV. POLICY

Effective March 1, 2022, DFD shall begin paying Grow NJ Kids FCCs rated level 3, 4, or 5 stars reimbursement rates in accordance with the attached March 2022 Maximum Child Care Payment Rates, and DFD will no longer pay FCCs the five percent (5%) accreditation differential.

V. PROCEDURES

Effective immediately, the Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) shall publish the attached Notice of FCC Grow NJ Kids Tiered Reimbursement Rates for Quality to their agency websites, and distribute the notice to FCCs.

VI. SYSTEMS

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. 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

- Notice of FCC Grow NJ Kids Tiered Reimbursement Rates for Quality
- Maximum Child Care Payment Rates Charts (Effective March 1, 2022)

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

Sincerely,

Natasha Johnson

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Assistant Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MAXIMUM CHILD CARE PAYMENT RATES**



Effective: March 1, 2022

LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER RATES												
INCLUDING TEMPORARY COVID-19 FAMILY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT*												
	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			3-STAR GROW NJ KIDS RATED LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			4-STAR GROW NJ KIDS RATED LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			5-STAR GROW NJ KIDS RATED LICENSED 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>	1,524.25	352.02	70.40	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>	762.13	176.01	35.20	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>	1,769.10	408.57	81.71	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>	884.55	204.28	40.86	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>	1,350.74	311.95	62.39	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>	675.37	155.97	31.19	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>	1,560.89	360.48	72.10	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>	780.45	180.24	36.05	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>	1,207.36	278.84	55.77	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>	603.68	139.42	27.88	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>	1,452.35	335.42	67.08	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>	726.18	167.71	33.54	762.03	175.99	35.20	781.48	180.48	36.10	806.70	186.30	37.26
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,150.13	265.62	53.12									
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	575.07	132.81	26.56									
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,379.67	318.63	63.73									
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	689.84	159.32	31.86									

The amounts listed above represent the maximum authorized rates for Licensed Child Care Centers. The parent/applicant may select a provider with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances, the parent/applicant will be responsible for all expenses over these maximum state payment rates.

*Temporary COVID-19 Family Differential Payments provide up to \$300 for full-time care, or \$150 for part-time care, per eligible child, per month on top of the child care assistance rate paid by the state. Family Differential Payments will be made through the end of 2023. To calculate the state's base rate, without the Temporary COVID-19 Family Differential Payment, subtract \$300 from full-time rates and \$150 from part-time rates.

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



Effective: March 1, 2022

REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE RATES												
INCLUDING TEMPORARY COVID-19 FAMILY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT*												
	REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE			3-STAR GROW NJ KIDS RATED REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE			4-STAR GROW NJ KIDS RATED REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE			5-STAR GROW NJ KIDS RATED REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE		
	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>	1,170.28	270.27	54.05	1,345.00	310.62	62.12	1,395.00	322.17	64.43	1,454.00	335.80	67.16
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	585.14	135.14	27.03	672.50	155.31	31.06	697.50	161.09	32.22	727.00	167.90	33.58
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,314.04	303.47	60.69	1,364.04	315.02	63.00	1,414.04	326.57	65.31	1,464.04	338.12	67.62
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	657.02	151.74	30.35	682.02	157.51	31.50	707.02	163.28	32.66	732.02	169.06	33.81
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,170.28	270.27	54.05	1,270.28	293.37	58.67	1,320.00	304.85	60.97	1,379.00	318.48	63.70
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	585.14	135.14	27.03	635.14	146.68	29.34	660.00	152.42	30.48	689.50	159.24	31.85
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,314.04	303.47	60.69	1,320.28	304.91	60.98	1,370.28	316.46	63.29	1,429.28	330.09	66.02
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	657.02	151.74	30.35	660.14	152.46	30.49	685.14	158.23	31.65	714.64	165.04	33.01
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,026.52	237.07	47.41	1,220.28	281.82	56.36	1,270.00	293.30	58.66	1,329.00	306.93	61.39
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	513.26	118.54	23.71	610.14	140.91	28.18	635.00	146.65	29.33	664.50	153.46	30.69
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,170.28	270.27	54.05	1,270.28	293.37	58.67	1,320.00	304.85	60.97	1,379.00	318.48	63.70
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	585.14	135.14	27.03	635.14	146.68	29.34	660.00	152.42	30.48	689.50	159.24	31.85
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,026.52	237.07	47.41									
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	513.26	118.54	23.71									
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>												
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,170.28	270.27	54.05									
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	585.14	135.14	27.03									

The amounts listed above represent the maximum authorized rates for Registered Family Child Care. The parent/applicant may select a provider with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances, the parent/applicant will be responsible for all expenses over these maximum state payment rates.

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APPROVED HOME RATES

Effective: March 1, 2022	FAMILY FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR (FFN) AND IN-HOME PROVIDERS		
	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	603.56	139.39	27.88
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	301.78	69.70	13.94
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	687.56	158.79	31.76
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	343.78	79.39	15.88
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	603.56	139.39	27.88
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	301.78	69.70	13.94
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months w/Special Needs</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	687.56	158.79	31.76
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	343.78	79.39	15.88
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	514.36	118.79	23.76
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	257.18	59.39	11.88
PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	603.56	139.39	27.88
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	301.78	69.70	13.94
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	514.36	118.79	23.76
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	257.18	59.39	11.88
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs</i>			
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	603.56	139.39	27.88
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	301.78	69.70	13.94

The amounts listed above represent the maximum authorized rates for Approved Homes (Family, Friend and Neighbor and In-Home Providers). The parent/applicant may select a provider with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances, the parent/applicant will be responsible for all expenses over these maximum state payment rates.

As of December 31, 2021, Approved Homes (FFN & In-Home Providers) no longer receive the \$300 Temporary COVID-19 Family Differential Payment.

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***SUMMER YOUTH CAMP RATES
INCLUDING TEMPORARY COVID-19 FAMILY
DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT****

Effective: March 1, 2022

		AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION (ACA) SUMMER YOUTH CAMP		
		MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
SCHOOL-AGE <i>5 to 13 Years</i>				
	<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	1,192.64	275.44	55.09
	<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	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>	1,433.65	331.10	66.22
	<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	716.83	165.55	33.11

The amounts listed above represent the maximum authorized rates for American Camping Association (ACA) Summer Youth Camps. The parent/applicant may select a provider with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances, the parent/applicant will be responsible for all expenses over these maximum state payment rates.

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