

CCAP Policy Update & Provider Insights

CCAP Policy Change Listening Session
Family & Group Home
Tuesday November 12th at Noon Central

CCAP Policy Change Listening Session
Center & Group Facilities
Thursday November 14th at Noon Central

Quality Rated Payments

Starting in November 2023 childcare providers qualified for QRIS bonuses payments.

- Programs with a current Step 2 Quality Rating will receive an additional 5% of the state max rate for each approved CCAP payment.
- Programs with a current Step 3 Quality Rating will receive an additional 10% of the state max rate for each approved CCAP payment.
- Programs with a current Step 4 Quality Rating will receive an additional 15% of the state max rate for each approved CCAP payment



Activity Search at Application

- Starting February 1, 2024, income eligible families can now receive CCAP while looking for a job or education opportunities.



18 Month Eligibility

- Starting April 2024, Families now receive CCAP for 18 months after approval
- Previously, the CCAP eligibility period was 12 months.
- This change reduces the amount of paperwork families need to complete to receive CCAP.
- When a new child is added to the case, eligibility will be extended for the entire case for an additional 18 months, so the new child will also get 18 months of eligibility.
- This change is expected to increase CCAP retention by 3%.



Childcare Workforce Benefit

- The Child Care Workforce Benefit for ND child care professionals launched in June.
- Employees working 25+ hours at licensed child care facilities, irrespective of household income will be eligible for CCAP.
- CCAP covers child care costs up to the state's full-time rate.
- The families' Co-payment is also be waived, to further support working ND families.



Infant Toddler Bonus

- Beginning in July 2024, providers that participate in CCAP are eligible to receive an additional payment per CCAP infant and toddler.
- These funds are separate from the CCAP payment and are not applied to a family's bill.
- Payment amounts will be 30% of the state max rate for each infant and/or toddler.



Provider Increases

- Over the winter we launched a market rate survey to better understand the cost of providing child care in ND.
- This survey allowed us to adjust rates for providers in July of 2024.
- Preschool and school-age rates for centers and groups saw significant increases.
- For example, Preschool rates before the market rate survey were full-time at a center at \$811, and now are \$1,040.



Graduated Eligibility

- In July 2024, eligibility income levels for new applications dropped from 85% SMI to 75% SMI, meaning a family at 80% SMI no longer qualifies for CCAP (HB1540).
- Families who are currently receiving CCAP and have an income between 75% and 85% of the State Median Income (SMI) remained eligible for the program.
- These families receive one more period of eligibility after their next review if their income remains below 85% SMI, which will provide them with an additional 18 months of coverage.
- Families above 75% SMI may qualify for the **ND Working Parents Child Care Relief** program.



Decreased Copays in July & Income Changes in October of 2024

- In July CCAP worked to update the benefit matrix to reduce copays for families, aiming for 6% of income per household.
- In October our annual Income Adjustments were completed which included an increase in income eligibility limits and a decrease in copays for some families.

