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Table with 2 columns and 3 rows. Row 1: The Division of Family Development Program Instruction. Row 2: Subject: New Rate Categories and Rate Increase for Child Care Providers. Row 3: Instruction No.: 19-10-01 (Rescinds DFD Instruction No.: 19-01-01) and Effective Date: September 1, 2019. Row 4: Authority: N.J.A.C. 10:15-2.2(a)(4) and -10.1(c) and Impacted Programs: New Jersey Child Care Programs.

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.

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

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 September 1, 2019, 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 the following changes to Child Care provider rates:

- An across the board increase to the subsidy base rate for Child Care Centers -- ranging from seven (7) to ten (10) percent -- depending on the age of the child; and.

- An across the board increase to the Grow NJ Kids tiered payments for center based providers -- ranging from five (5) to eight (8) percent – depending on the age of the child and whether the Child Care Center received a Grow NJ Kids Quality Rating of level 3, 4, or 5.

### III. **POLICY**

Based on the availability of the Federal Child Care funding, DFD determines changes to the Child Care provider rates.

Upon approval of the new rate charts, DFD will then send the same to the state authorized vendor to make the appropriate system adjustments and payments to the Providers.

Effective immediately, CCR&Rs must publish the attached *September 2019 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes* letter to their agency's website.

### IV. **SYSTEMS**

For all existing agreements, the CARES system will undergo an automated mass change in late September 2019 (either on the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>) 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).

### V. **FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS**

- Maximum Child Care Payment Rates Chart (Effective September 1, 2019)
- September 2019 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes Letter

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

Sincerely,  
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**September 2019 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes**

Effective September 1, 2019, 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 **9/1/19-9/14/19**. The Providers will see the new rate increases in the **October 1, 2019** direct deposit.

You may view the 2019 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: September 1, 2019	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>	976.34	225.48	45.10	1,025.16	236.76	47.35	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>	488.17	112.74	22.55	512.58	118.38	23.68	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>	1,171.61	270.58	54.12	1,230.19	284.11	56.82	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>	585.81	135.29	27.06	615.10	142.05	28.41	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>	814.76	188.17	37.63	855.50	197.57	39.51	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>	407.38	94.08	18.82	427.75	98.79	19.76	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>	977.71	225.80	45.16	1,026.60	237.09	47.42	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>	488.86	112.90	22.58	513.30	118.54	23.71	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>	677.21	156.40	31.28	711.07	164.22	32.84	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>	338.61	78.20	15.64	355.54	82.11	16.42	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>	860.05	198.63	39.73	903.05	208.56	41.71	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>	430.03	99.31	19.86	451.53	104.28	20.86	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>	622.63	143.79	28.76	653.76	150.98	30.20	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>	311.32	71.90	14.38	326.88	75.49	15.10	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>	790.74	182.62	36.52	830.28	191.75	38.35	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>	395.37	91.31	18.26	415.14	95.87	19.17	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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	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>1,073.25</b>	<b>247.86</b>	<b>49.57</b>	<b>1,116.29</b>	<b>257.80</b>	<b>51.56</b>	<b>1,172.09</b>	<b>270.69</b>	<b>54.14</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>536.63</b>	<b>123.93</b>	<b>24.79</b>	<b>558.15</b>	<b>128.90</b>	<b>25.78</b>	<b>586.05</b>	<b>135.35</b>	<b>27.07</b>
<b>INFANTS</b> <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>1,287.90</b>	<b>297.44</b>	<b>59.49</b>	<b>1,339.54</b>	<b>309.36</b>	<b>61.87</b>	<b>1,406.51</b>	<b>324.83</b>	<b>64.97</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>643.95</b>	<b>148.72</b>	<b>29.74</b>	<b>669.77</b>	<b>154.68</b>	<b>30.94</b>	<b>703.26</b>	<b>162.41</b>	<b>32.48</b>
<b>TODDLERS</b> <i>18 to 29 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>855.51</b>	<b>197.58</b>	<b>39.52</b>	<b>889.72</b>	<b>205.48</b>	<b>41.10</b>	<b>934.21</b>	<b>215.75</b>	<b>43.15</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>427.76</b>	<b>98.79</b>	<b>19.76</b>	<b>444.86</b>	<b>102.74</b>	<b>20.55</b>	<b>467.11</b>	<b>107.88</b>	<b>21.58</b>
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<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>1,026.61</b>	<b>237.09</b>	<b>47.42</b>	<b>1,067.66</b>	<b>246.57</b>	<b>49.31</b>	<b>1,121.05</b>	<b>258.90</b>	<b>51.78</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>513.31</b>	<b>118.55</b>	<b>23.71</b>	<b>533.83</b>	<b>123.29</b>	<b>24.66</b>	<b>560.53</b>	<b>129.45</b>	<b>25.89</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL</b> <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>731.13</b>	<b>168.85</b>	<b>33.77</b>	<b>760.30</b>	<b>175.59</b>	<b>35.12</b>	<b>798.32</b>	<b>184.37</b>	<b>36.87</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>365.57</b>	<b>84.43</b>	<b>16.89</b>	<b>380.15</b>	<b>87.79</b>	<b>17.56</b>	<b>399.16</b>	<b>92.18</b>	<b>18.44</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL</b> <i>30 Months to 5 Years w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	<b>928.54</b>	<b>214.44</b>	<b>42.89</b>	<b>965.59</b>	<b>223.00</b>	<b>44.60</b>	<b>1,013.87</b>	<b>234.15</b>	<b>46.83</b>
<i>Part Time Care (less than 6 hrs)</i>	<b>464.27</b>	<b>107.22</b>	<b>21.44</b>	<b>482.80</b>	<b>111.50</b>	<b>22.30</b>	<b>506.94</b>	<b>117.08</b>	<b>23.42</b>

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