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Notice of Family Child Care Provider Grow NJ Kids Tiered Reimbursement Rates for Quality

You are receiving this notice because you serve families enrolled in New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD), Child Care Assistance Program.

The purpose of this notification is to tell you about Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System. Grow NJ Kids is designed to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the State. The system is the Child Care Assistance Program's quality benchmark for infants, toddlers, and preschool children. On March 1, 2022, DHS/DFD expanded Grow NJ Kids higher tier reimbursement rates to include Family Child Care providers (FCCs) in order to promote and support greater access to high-quality child care.

The tiered reimbursement rate will pay a quality-based differential rate to FCCs that have a Grow NJ Kids Quality Rating level of 3, 4, or 5 stars. The new tiered rates can be found in the attached March 2022 Maximum Child Care Payment Rates, and at <https://www.echildcarenj.org/eccpw/>. Tiered reimbursement is limited to infants, toddlers, and preschool age children.

The purpose of the tiered system of reimbursement is to provide recognition and incentive to programs for achieving a Grow NJ Kids rating. Tiered payment rates are additional amounts above the base rate, depending upon the age of the child and the quality rating of the program. Effective March 1, 2022, the Child Care Assistance Program will no longer pay the five percent (5%) differential to programs that receive a new or renewal accreditation from the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).

FCCs interested in enrolling in Grow NJ Kids can do so at:

<https://www.grownjkids.gov/ProvidersEducators/Enroll>

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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
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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>												
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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.

*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.