



JB Pritzker, Governor

Illinois Department of Human Services

Grace B. Hou, Secretary

100 South Grand Avenue East • Springfield, Illinois 62762
401 South Clinton Street • Chicago, Illinois 60607

**IMPORTANT PROVIDER NOTICE:
RATE INCREASE FOR CHILD CARE
PROVIDERS**

Please read this notice carefully. It contains important updates and instructions about provider payments.

Effective July 1, 2021, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is increasing the maximum child care payment rates for providers. The new child care rates are listed beginning on the back side of this page.

When you agree to provide child care services for families enrolled in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), you may charge the State of Illinois up to the maximum rates allowed by the state. However, you cannot charge the State of Illinois a rate that is higher than you charge to the general public for similar services. This includes discounts such as multiple child discounts, staff discounts, full-week discounts, pre-pay discounts, and sliding fee scales. If you charge the general public a rate higher than the maximum rate, the Department hopes you would accept the state maximum rate as payment in full when serving CCAP enrolled families. It is a hardship for CCAP enrolled families to make up any difference in charges.

If the rate you charge the general public for similar services is less than the maximum state rate, you must complete the following steps to avoid an overpayment:

1. Complete the enclosed Child Care Rate Certification Form and return it your CCR&R agency as soon as possible; and,
2. Carefully review your monthly Child Care Certificate(s), making changes to the listed rates wherever necessary to reflect the rates on your Child Care Rate Certification Form.

If you have any questions about this notice, contact your Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency. A chart listing the counties served by each CCR&R and their address is on the back of the Child Care Rate Certification Form.