

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:

**Child Care State
Maximum
Subsidy Rate
Increase**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL REGIONAL AND COUNTY CD AND FSD STAFF

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S DIVISION
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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN STATE MAXIMUM RATES FOR LICENSED AND
FAITH BASED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of an increase in state maximum base rates paid to licensed child care providers and Religious in Compliance, faith based child care providers.

Effective July 1, 2015, child care state maximum base rates for licensed and Religious in Compliance, faith based child care providers were increased by 3%.

The rate increase applies to child care payments made through the Child Care Subsidy program on behalf of the Family Support Division (FSD) income eligible children and Children's Division (CD) Child Welfare/Protective Services children.

The rate increase will apply to child care payments made for any child care service provided in July, 2015, and after. Child Care services provided prior to July 1, 2015, but paid after July 1, 2015, will be paid at the state maximum base rate in effect during the service month being paid.

To receive the increased rate for providing child care services, a child care provider is required to:

- Be licensed to offer child care services in Missouri,
- Elect to receive the state maximum rates, and
- Have a valid Child Care Contract with the Department of Social Services

Or

- Be exempt from licensure but compliant with the inspection requirements of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Section for Child Care Regulation as a Religious in Compliance (RIC), faith based organization,
- Elect to receive the state maximum rates, and
- Have a valid Child Care Provider Registration Agreement in effect.

Child care providers who elect to accept a lower rate than the state maximum base rate will continue to receive the lower rate.

The state maximum base rates paid to registered child care providers with exempt types of FOL, OPU, OPL, MIL, SCH, BUS and SUM will continue to receive payment at the July 1, 2008, state maximum base rate or at the provider's quoted rate, if the quoted rate is lower than the state maximum base rate.

CHILD CARE INVOICES

Effective July, 2015, the new state maximum base rates will be reflected on all paper invoices (FA-581), generated for licensed child care providers and registered child care providers with an exempt type of RIC. The FA-581 will continue to have the state maximum rates based on the child care provider's geographical area and facility type and will also have the child's individual rate, based on the child's age, time of care, level of care, sliding fee, special needs eligibility and the provider's eligibility for rate differentials.

Effective with July, 2015 online invoices the child's individual rate will display, based on the increased state maximum base rate, the child's age, time of care, level of care, sliding fee, special needs eligibility and the provider's eligibility for rate differentials.

CHILD CARE STATE MAXIMUM RATE CHART

Effective July 1, 2015, the Child Care Rate Structure chart will reflect the change in rates for licensed and **regulated faith based providers**, as well as rates for all other license exempt providers. The chart can be found at <https://apps.dss.mo.gov/childcarerates/>.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Regional and County Children's Division staff and Family Support Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS N/A
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES https://apps.dss.mo.gov/childcarerates/
RELATED STATUTE N/A
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A
PROTECTIVE FACTORS (Link applicable factors and enter N/A if not applicable.) Parental Resilience N/A Social Connections N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children N/A
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A