

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

P. O. BOX 88

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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**What's Inside:**

**Disproportionate  
Share 2 Rate  
Differential**

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  
PAT LUEBBERING, DIRECTOR, FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

SUBJECT: DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE 2 RATE DIFFERENTIAL

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the disproportionate share 2 rate differential. Effective September 1, 2016, Licensed child care providers and Religious-In-Compliance license-exempt child care providers may qualify for a thirty percent (30%) disproportionate share rate differential over the maximum base rate.

To qualify for the disproportionate share 2 (DS2) rate differential the child care provider must meet the following criteria:

- Be a licensed and contracted child care provider or a Religious-In-Compliance license-exempt child care provider and registered with the DSS;
- Must be providing child care to at least fifty percent (50%) subsidy eligible children;
- Be accredited or working toward accreditation with one of the [DSS Recognized Accrediting Organizations](#); and
- Must submit a completed Child Care Provider Disproportionate Share 2 Rate Differential Agreement (CD-238), along with supporting documentation, to the Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section (ECPSS).

Licensed child care providers, currently contracted with the DSS and receiving disproportionate share rate differential payments prior to September 1, 2016 will continue to qualify for the thirty percent (30%) rate differential and will not be required to meet the accreditation requirement.

**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**

[Child Care Provider Disproportionate Share 2 Rate Differential Agreement \(CD-238\)](#)

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES**

[1215.040.015 DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE RATE DIFFERENTIALS](#)

**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