

Child Care Reauthorization Changes

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Agenda

1. Child Care Reauthorization changes (effective October 1, 2016)
2. Provider Guide
3. New Provider Resources
4. Reminders

Child Care Reauthorization

Why?

- The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 resulted in changes to State child care requirements.
- Allowing continuity of care for a child when a parent is going through a loss of employment or experiencing a temporary crisis is important for healthy child development.
- We are adopting core changes. More changes are coming later once the federal rules are finalized.

What has changed?

- 12-month review periods.
- Higher income limit and lower copayments.
- Job search child care for up to three months.
- Child Care provided during temporary changes in circumstance.
- Citizenship eligibility requirements.

Review Periods

- After the next review is processed, the parent will have a 12-month review period.
- Review periods are now set for 12 months for new applicants.
- Cannot shorten Child Care review periods to match other programs.

Reportable changes

- Parents are still required to report household and other changes for child care.
- DWS must act on all changes that a parent reports during the 12-month review period.
 - This includes changes reported on applications and reviews for other programs such as Food Stamps or Medical assistance.

Income Limits

- Beginning October 1, 2016, there are three household income eligibility limits:
 - At application: 56 percent State Median Income (SMI)
 - At review: 70 percent SMI
 - Between reviews: 85 percent SMI

Income Limits

Example: Household size of four with three children in care.

Initial eligibility: maximum income of \$3301 per month
(56 percent SMI)

12-month review: maximum income of \$4127 per month
(70 percent SMI)

Between reviews: maximum income of \$5011 per month
(85 percent SMI)

Copayments

- Copayments have been reduced; eases financial burden for families.

(This was announced during the webinar held on August 31. An email was also sent to providers on August 31, which included a link to the new income and copayment table.)

Reporting lower rates-Reminder

- Lower, monthly charges must be reported for individual children through the DWS Provider Portal.

For example, providers must report part-time, in school or lower negotiated rates for individual children through the portal by September 25 to apply the correct rate and prevent possible overpayments in October.

(Refer to webinar recording from August 31, 2016.)

Job Search Child Care (JSCC)

- After job loss, parents may receive up to three months of JSCC at the same subsidy payment amount.
- Must have met minimum 15-hour per week work requirement in past 30 days.
- First Month - must report and request JSCC within 10 days of job termination.
- Second and third month's- Verify termination before end of first Job Search month.
- Time-limited to once in a 12-month period.

Citizenship

- Eligibility is now only based on the child's U.S. citizenship.
- Eligible children whose parents are qualified aliens and legally authorized to work in the U.S. may receive child care.

For example, a person who is here on a student Visa with current work authorization status may now be eligible for child care assistance.

Temporary Change Child Care (TCCC)

Provides stability and support for families who would otherwise not be eligible for child care.

Allowable temporary changes

1. Time-limited absence from work for the following reasons only:
 - Maternity leave, bedrest, medical issues of the customer or family member residing in the home, death of an immediate family member.
2. Temporary reduction in hours below minimum 15-hour per week work requirement.
3. Customer's who are working and attend school may receive payment at the same rate during school breaks. However, the month's count towards the 24-month training time-limit.

TCCC requirements

- Must have received an Employment Support Child Care (ESCC) payment and met the 15-hour per week work requirement in the last 30 days to be approved for TCCC.
- Must verify the change is temporary.
- Changes expecting to last more than 90 days are considered permanent changes and will not be covered.

TCCC requirements (continued)

- May receive one, two, or three consecutive months of child care if TCCC requirements are met.
- No change to subsidy payment when TCCC is approved. Copayments are still applicable.
- If another temporary change occurs, the customer must have received an ESCC payment and met the minimum 15-hour per week work requirement in the last 30 days for TCCC to be approved.

CCDF changes summary

- New policy changes support federal recommendations.
- Family-friendly.
- Provider-friendly.
- Mind shift.
- New processes to adapt to.
- Budget-impact unknown.
- More changes are coming once final federal rules are published.

DWS Provider Guide

A child care subsidy program overview

Child Care Provider Guide



IMPORTANT:

Please read this guide carefully. This document must be signed annually as part of the licensing renewal process and for new providers to receive subsidy payments through the Department of Workforce Services.



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DWS Provider Guide

- Provider Education.
- Administered by Child Care Licensing as part of the process for new providers and at renewals.
- Required to have one authorized person per facility read and sign annually.
- Most current version will be available in the FAQ section of the DWS Provider Portal.

NEW Provider Resources

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- Updated copayment tables
- Infographs
 - Copayment vs. Out-of-pocket
 - Provider payment policy
 - Tips to reduce overpayments

<https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/occ2/forproviders/index.html>

Deadline Reminders

Health and Safety Training

- Federal requirement
- August 30, 2016 deadline
- Report to Licensor
- Failure to complete
 - September payments will still be issued
 - Customers cases will close in September
 - No longer eligible for payments until in full compliance

TAX ID (IRS Form 1099)

- It is mandatory for all providers to submit their Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) in the DWS Provider Portal.
- Go to Banking tab.
- Enter tax id on Banking tab (below direct deposit information).
- Submit by October 1, 2016.

Questions?

Resources

jobs.utah.gov/childcare -DWS Provider Portal, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

jobs.utah.gov/occ/occ2/forproviders/index.html -Provider Resources and Subsidy info-webinar recordings, income tables, fliers

careaboutchildcare.utah.gov -Care About Childcare

occ@utah.gov -DWS, OCC Provider Helpline

