

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Topic: Child Care

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Direct Pay Unit - CAF - SPA - DPU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Rate increases for all child care provider types (FAM, QFM, RFM, CFM, NQC, QEC and CNT)		
Policy/rule number(s):	461-155-0150	Release number:	
Effective date:	01/01/2022	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/child-care/pages/rates.aspx		

Discussion/interpretation:

Child care rates are increasing for all child care providers starting January 1, 2022. The increased rates are effective for child care provided on or after January 1, 2022. Care provided in December will still pay at the current rates even when billings are submitted after January 1, 2022.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Training/communication plan:

Child care providers and parents with open ERDC benefits and TANF families currently receiving child care support service payments will receive notification of the rate changes.

- The Provider Guide (DHS [7492](#)) is being revised with the new rates with a targeted release date of December 2021. All Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) approved providers will receive a new Provider Guide at that time.
- The Provider Guide Insert ([7492i](#)), which includes rate charts showing the new rates and effective dates for this increase, is being updated. It can be printed and handed out or included in the participant and provider mailings as needed. Translations into Spanish, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese and Chinese will be available on the forms server. It will not need to be required as an insert with the updated Provider Guide (DHS [7492](#)).
- Rate areas B and C continue to pay at the same rate.
- Review the zip code where child care is provided to confirm the payment rate area.
- The new rates apply to child care provided in the month of January 2022 and later.
- Providers cannot bill ODHS families more than they charge private pay families.
- Private school tuition cannot be charged to ODHS.
- DPU will not issue payment adjustments to providers who do not bill at the increased rate for care provided on or after January 1, 2022. Providers must have a history of billing the higher rate in order for a payment adjustment to be made.

Local/branch action required:

TANF Child Care:

Rate increases apply to both ERDC and JOBS child care. Support service payment amounts may be affected.

SNAP Dependent Care Deduction:

When processing applications, recertification and other reported changes in dependent care expenses, review the new payment rates before allowing an additional deduction for "child care overage". Overage is the amount the family has to pay above the copay when the provider bills a higher rate than the ODHS maximum. With increases to ODHS maximum rates, the out-of-pocket costs an Oregonian may have to pay for their

child care expenses could reduce and result in a lower dependent care deduction.

Central office action required:

Provider letters are scheduled to be mailed to all ODHS listed providers and ERDC eligible parents by December 31, 2021.

The website will be updated with the new rates effective January 1, 2022.

The Provider Pay system has been updated to reflect the new rates.

The Provider Guide is being updated with new rate charts in December 2021.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

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