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January 2019 Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes

Effective January 6, 2019, there will be an across the board increase to the subsidy base rate and the Grow NJ Kids tiered rate for child care centers. The rate increase will be reflected during Pay Period 1/6/19-1/19/19. The Providers will see the new rate increases in the February 5, 2019 direct deposit.

You may view the 2019 Maximum Child Care Payment Rate Chart at:
http://www.childcarenj.gov/Resources/Reports

Special Care Rate:

The Special Needs Rate has been replaced with the "Special Care Rate" and now includes Center-based programs. More information on how providers can be eligible to receive the Special Care Rate is forthcoming.

Rate Consolidation for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Families

TANF agreements created on or after December 17, 2018 will only utilize "Full Time Care" (6 hours or more) and "Part Time Care" (5 hours or less) rates.

Five Percent (5%) Accreditation Phase Out

On June 1, 2018 DFD began the process of phasing out the five percent (5%) differential paid to providers that were accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission (NAEYC/NECPA).

Other Types of Accreditation that are still Eligible for the Five Percent (5%) Differential

Center-based providers that are accredited by the National School Age Child Care Coalition (SACC) or the American Camp Association (ACA) will continue to receive the five percent (5%) differential payment for school age children served for both new and renewal accreditations.

In addition, Family Child Care (FCC) providers accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) will continue to receive the five percent (5%) differential payment for new and renewal accreditations.