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**From:** IDHS Division of Early Childhood, Bureau of Subsidy Management

**To:** Families and Providers Participating in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

**Re:** Changes Effective July 2022

Effective July 1, 2022, the IDHS Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is making modification to some policies and procedures. This memo is being released to provide information on these changes.

**Income Guideline Changes**

- CCAP income eligibility limit will increase to include families with incomes below 225% of the Federal Poverty Line (up from the previous limit of 200%)
- The CCAP eligibility limit at redetermination will increase to 275% of the Federal Poverty Line (up from 250% of the Federal Poverty Line).

Family Income Levels Effective July 1, 2022			
	Application	Rede-termination	Over Income
Family Size	<b>225% FPL</b>	<b>275% FPL</b>	<b>85% SMI</b>
2	<b>3,433</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>4,921</b>
3	<b>4,318</b>	<b>5,278</b>	<b>6,079</b>
4	<b>5,203</b>	<b>6,359</b>	<b>7,237</b>
5	<b>6,088</b>	<b>7,441</b>	<b>8,395</b>
6	<b>6,973</b>	<b>8,523</b>	<b>9,553</b>
7	<b>7,858</b>	<b>9,604</b>	<b>9,770</b>
8	<b>8,743</b>	<b>9,987</b>	<b>9,987</b>
9	<b>9,628</b>	<b>10,204</b>	<b>10,204</b>



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### **Provider Rate Increases**

- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) reimbursement rates will increase for all providers by 3.5%.
- Please be aware that an additional 4.5% increase will be applied starting with services provided in December 2022.

### **Copay Reductions**

- Monthly copays are being reduced to \$1 for CCAP-eligible families with a parent or guardian working in child care.
- This includes parents who work in any position for a licensed or license-exempt child care center or home
- To request the copay reduction, parents should request that their copayment be reduced in writing with their signature by email, mail, or walk in to your local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) or Site Administered Provider.
- There is no required form to make this request.
- Copayment changes will be effective the month following re-assessment.

### **Initial Activity Search Extended**

- Parents or guardians who are unemployed and seeking to reenter the workforce will continue to be eligible to receive three months of child care assistance, through December 2022.

### **Web-based Educational Activities**

- Eligibility will be expanded to parents/guardians attending online school from home.

### **Protective Services**

- Copays will be eliminated for families experiencing homelessness.
- The protective services definition will be expanded to include:
  - families with either parent deployed for active military duty
  - parenting youth in care with the Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS)
  - families receiving Extended Family Services Program supports through DCFS.



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### **Provider Health and Safety Training Requirements**

All non-relative license-exempt child care homes and centers currently receiving CCAP payments must complete the following health and safety training requirements by September 30, 2022:

- Become a Gateways to Opportunity Registry member and renew membership every year.
  - To become a Registry member visit: <https://registry.ilgateways.com>.
  - Complete Pediatric First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification by an approved training entity
  - Complete DCFS Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter training
  - Complete Child Development, Health, and Safety Basics course or obtain ECE Credential Level 1 Training-Tier 1
  - Enter your completed trainings in the Gateways Registry and print and keep a copy of your certificates and First Aid/CPR card.
- License-exempt non-relative home providers and license-exempt center providers who are new to CCAP after July 1, 2022, must complete all orientation trainings and log them onto their Gateways to Opportunities Registry within 90 days of approval for a CCAP family to continue to receive payment for any CCAP cases.
- **For more information, license-exempt non-relative home providers and license-exempt center providers should contact their local CCR&R or Health and Safety Coach.**
- Ongoing training opportunities are available and offered statewide by a variety of delivery methods, including through the local CCR&R agencies, on-line or instructor led courses through the Illinois Gateways I-Learning system (<http://courses.inccrra.org>) and through the SEIU METC Training Center.