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DWS Child Care Copayment Table and Provider Portal changes

Attention Child Care Providers,

As you recall, in April 2016, the copayment was waived for all families with income at or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Limit.



Effective October 1, 2016, the Workforce Services Child Care Income Eligibility and Copayment table is changing again. There will be up to 16 income groups with higher income limits to support eligible families as their income increases during the 12-month review period.

Additionally, families at the highest income levels will not have a copayment greater than 10 percent of their household income. This positive change will result in a reduced copayment for many DWS customers. The subsidy will increase to offset the change. Providers who charge above the State rate will continue to collect the out-of-pocket expenses from customers.

<u>For your reference click here for the new Child Care Income Eligibility and Copayment table.</u>

Also, Workforce Services is adding a new change report in the Workforce Services Provider Portal to report a part-time, in-school or other lower negotiated rate for an individual child. Programming should be completed on September 10th. Once implemented, providers must report part-time, in-school or other lower negotiated rates per child through the provider portal. If lower rates are not reported through the portal by September 25th, or the 25th of subsequent months, an over payment may occur. If this happens, this may be reported through the portal as a DWS credit. The credit may be deducted from the following month's payment only, up to the amount of the subsidy payment, as long as the children are still in care.

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