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What's Inside:

**Child Care State
Maximum
Subsidy Rate
Increase**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL REGIONAL AND COUNTY CD AND FSD STAFF

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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN STATE MAXIMUM RATES FOR LICENSED AND
FAITH BASED PROVIDERS

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of the increase in state maximum child care rates to licensed providers and Religious in Compliance (RICs) providers.

Effective July 1, 2013, child care rates for licensed and regulated faith based providers were increased by 3%.

The increase applies to child care payments made through the Child Care Assistance program on behalf of the Family Support Division (FSD) income eligible children and Children's Division (CD) Child Welfare/Protective Services children.

The increase will appear on child care payments made in August 2013 or later for any service that was provided in July 2013 and after. Child Care services provided prior to July 1, 2013, but paid after July 1, 2013 will be paid at the rates in effect prior to the July 1, 2013 rate increase.

To receive the increased rate for services, a provider is required to:

- Be licensed to offer child care services in Missouri
- Elect to receive the state maximum rates, and
- Have a valid and current Child Care Contract with the Department of Social Services

Or

- Provider must be currently compliant with the inspection requirements of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Section for Child Care Regulation as a religious affiliated organization
- Elects to receive the state maximum rates, and
- Has a valid and current Child Care Provider Registration Agreement in effect

Licensed and inspected faith based child care providers who elect to receive a reimbursement rate that is lower than the state rate will continue to receive the lower reimbursement rate.

Reimbursement rates to other types of license exempt legal providers with exempt types of FOL, OPU, OPL, MIL, SCH, BUS and SUM will continue to receive payment at the July 1, 2008 rate or at the provider's quoted rate, if the quoted rate is lower than the state maximum.

CHILD CARE INVOICES

Effective July 2013, the new state maximum will be printed on all paper (FA-581) invoices generated for licensed providers and those providers who are registered with an exempt type of RIC. The FA-581 will continue to have the state maximum child care rates based on the providers geographical area and facility type and will also have the child's specific rate, based on the child's age, time of care, level of care, sliding fee, special needs and the provider's eligibility for rate differentials.

Effective July 2013, the online invoices will display the child's specific rate, based on the increased state maximum rate, the child's age, time of care, level of care, sliding fee, special needs and the provider's eligibility for rate differentials.

CHILD CARE STATE MAXIMUM RATE CHART

Effective July 1, 2013 the Child Care Rate Structure chart will reflect the change in rates for licensed and regulated faith based providers, as well as rates for all other license exempt providers. The chart can be found at <https://dssapp.dss.mo.gov/ccrate/>.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Regional and County Children's Division staff and Family Support Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS N/A
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES https://dssapp.dss.mo.gov/ccrate/
RELATED STATUTE N/A
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A
PROTECTIVE FACTORS (Link applicable factors and enter N/A if not applicable.) Parental Resilience N/A Social Connections N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children N/A
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A