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To: All CCSA Scholarship Providers

From: CCSA Scholarship Program

Date: October 24, 2023

Re: Updated Rates for CCSA Scholarship

Dear CCSA Scholarship Providers,

As you know, CCSA updated our scholarship reimbursement rates to the modeled rates from the 2021 Market Rate Study effective July 1, 2023. We continued to enhance our rates above these modeled rates for infants, one year olds, and two years olds for providers in Durham and Orange County in recognition of the enhanced cost of providing quality care for these young children.

On October 1, 2023, DCDEE updated the state market rates for subsidy using the same 2021 Market Rate Study we used to set our rates in July but with slightly different methodology. For the most part, our rates that were implemented in July match the updated state rates, however, there were several rates that are now higher based on the most recent market rates adopted by DCDEE. We have now updated our rates to match the new state market rates while keeping our enhancement of infant, one year old, and two year old rates in Durham and Orange Counties. You may find our updated rate chart at this link: <u>https://www.childcareservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Rate-Chart-October-2023-Update.pdf</u> These rates will be effective as of October 1, 2023.

As you can see, many rates are still the same, and the increases are relatively minor. Please remember that where CCSA offers enhanced rates above state reimbursement rates (rates in bold italics on the rate chart) facilities are not allowed to charge any overage (except for families on UNC scholarships). If you are allowed to charge an overage, please be sure to compare our updated rates to your current tuition to recalculate the overage fee, if any. If your facility is located in a county not listed on the attached rate chart, your rates can be found on the <u>Market Rates section of the DCDEE Webpage</u>.

If you'd like to talk about these rate updates individually, please don't hesitate to give me a call or to reach out to schedule a time for us to talk by phone or by Zoom. I am always available to help you understand your payments.

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