

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF  
**Health** AND **Human**  
 SERVICES

February 21, 2023

Dear Child Care Provider:

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would like to take this opportunity to thank you for providing child care to the children of Iowa while their parents work and go to school.

This year the Governor directed HHS to increase the rate tables for all child care providers. The effective date of the new rates is March 1, 2023. While the rate table reflects the maximum that can be paid to a provider by the Child Care Assistance (CCA) program, the state cannot be charged more for a child who receives state child care assistance than is charged to families not receiving assistance (“private pay”).

The tables below illustrate the current and new child care provider maximum payment rates for Basic and Special Needs care based on the type of child care provider and the age of the children cared for.

Current Tables:

<b>Table 1 Half-Day Rate Ceilings for (Licensed Center)</b>								
	No QRS		QRS 1 or 2		QRS 3 or 4		QRS 5	
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$19.30	\$51.94	\$20.50	\$51.94	\$21.50	\$51.94	\$23.21	\$51.94
Preschool	\$17.00	\$30.43	\$18.00	\$30.43	\$18.98	\$30.43	\$20.00	\$30.43
School Age	\$13.50	\$30.34	\$14.75	\$30.34	\$15.00	\$30.34	\$16.00	\$30.34

<b>Table 2 Half-Day Rate Ceilings for (Child Development Home A or B)</b>								
	No QRS		QRS 1 or 2		QRS 3 or 4		QRS 5	
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$12.98	\$19.47	\$13.50	\$20.25	\$13.75	\$20.63	\$14.00	\$21.00
Preschool	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$12.75	\$19.13	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$13.75	\$20.63
School Age	\$10.82	\$16.23	\$11.25	\$16.88	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$12.50	\$18.75

<b>Table 3 Half-Day Rate Ceilings for (Child Development Home C)</b>								
	No QRS		QRS 1 or 2		QRS 3 or 4		QRS 5	
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$14.50	\$21.75	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$15.25	\$22.88
Preschool	\$13.75	\$20.63	\$14.50	\$21.75	\$14.75	\$22.13	\$15.00	\$22.50
School Age	\$11.25	\$16.88	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$14.50	\$21.75

<b>Table 4 Half-Day Rate Ceilings for child care homes (not registered)</b>		
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$12.98	\$19.47
Preschool	\$12.50	\$18.75
School Age	\$10.82	\$16.23

New Tables:

<b>Table I Half-Day Rate Ceilings for (Licensed Center)</b>								
	No QRS		QRS 1 or 2		QRS 3 or 4		QRS 5	
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$23.21	\$51.94	\$23.21	\$51.94	\$23.21	\$51.94	\$24.05	\$51.94
Preschool	\$18.98	\$30.43	\$19.50	\$30.43	\$20.00	\$30.43	\$21.00	\$30.43
School Age	\$15.00	\$30.34	\$15.50	\$30.34	\$16.00	\$30.34	\$17.00	\$30.34

<b>Table 2 Half-Day Rate Ceilings for (Child Development Home A or B)</b>								
	No QRS		QRS 1 or 2		QRS 3 or 4		QRS 5	
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$22.50
Preschool	\$12.75	\$19.13	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$13.75	\$20.63	\$15.00	\$22.50
School Age	\$11.25	\$16.88	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$13.50	\$20.25

<b>Table 3 Half-Day Rate Ceilings for (Child Development Home C)</b>								
	No QRS		QRS 1 or 2		QRS 3 or 4		QRS 5	
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$15.25	\$22.88	\$15.25	\$22.88	\$15.25	\$22.88	\$16.25	\$24.38
Preschool	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$16.00	\$24.00
School Age	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$13.75	\$20.63	\$14.50	\$21.75	\$15.00	\$22.50

<b>Table 4</b>		
<b>Half-Day Rate Ceilings for child care homes (not registered)</b>		
Age Group	Basic	Special Needs
Infant and Toddler	\$12.98	\$19.47
Preschool	\$12.50	\$18.75
School Age	\$10.82	\$16.23

If your private pay rates are already above the current maximum rates, you will receive more money from the CCA program starting on March 1, 2023. If your private pay rates are at or below our current maximum rates, nothing will change.

**If you want your payment rates reviewed, please log in to the Kinder Track child care provider portal and submit a new CCA Provider Agreement. You may also call us at (866) 448 – 4605 to request that a Provider Agreement form be sent to you.**

- **Please mail completed forms to the Central Child Care Unit at:**

HHS CCA Payments and Registration  
Human Services River Place Office  
2309 Euclid AVE  
Des Moines, IA 50310-5703

- **Please complete the new CCA Provider Agreement as soon as possible.**

**Reminder:** The state rate can only be increased if the rate is equal to or less than your private pay rate. Should you receive payment for which you are not entitled, you will be asked to re-pay that amount. If you are eligible for a rate increase, the new CCA Provider Agreement will be returned to you to implement the revised rate.

Once again, thank you for your efforts in providing child care to the children of Iowa. If you have any questions, please contact your local HHS or PROMISE JOBS worker.

A copy of this letter will be sent to programs via standard mail, in the upcoming days.

Sincerely,

Julie Allison, Bureau Chief  
Division of Family Well-Being and Protection  
Bureau of Child Care