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TITLE 218 - RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHAPTER 20 - INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SUBCHAPTER 00 - N/A

**PART 11 - CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -TEMPORARY RATE
ENHANCEMENTS FOR LICENSED PROVIDERS DURING COVID-19 REOPENING**

11.1 Authority and Purpose

11.1.1 COVID-19 Virus and the Rhode Island State of Emergency

- A. Prior to the implementation of any new procedure under this regulation, the Director of the Department of Human Services shall seek federal waivers or approval, when required, from the Federal agencies that provide funding and oversight for the programs the Department of Human Services administers. The Director shall also consider any guidance by these Federal agencies, when available, when implementing new procedures.
- B. In accordance with RI Executive Order 20-39, upon withdrawal of the R.I. State of Emergency, as it relates to COVID-19, these new procedures shall lapse after three business days from the date of withdrawal of the State of Emergency for Rhode Island.

**11.2 Licensed Child Care Center Weekly Rates During COVID-19
Reopening**

- A. Licensed Child Care Centers that choose to reopen during COVID-19 will be reimbursed at an enhanced rate.
1. Licensed Child Care Centers that choose to reopen during COVID-19 and held a Star Rating less than five (5) prior to COVID-19 will be temporarily paid at the 5-Star rate.
 2. Licensed Child Care Centers that choose to reopen during COVID-19 and held a 5-Star rating prior to COVID-19 will be temporarily paid at the ninetieth (90th) percentile rates.
 3. The following table displays the temporary CCAP weekly reimbursement rates for Licensed Child Care Centers:

Time Authorized & Enrolled	Full Time		Three Quarter Time		Half Time		Quarter Time	
	5 Star	90 %	5 Star	90 %	5 Star	90 %	5 Star	90 %
Star Rating / Percentile →	5 Star	90 %	5 Star	90 %	5 Star	90 %	5 Star	90 %
Child's Age Category ↓								
Infant / Toddler	\$257.54	\$273.00	\$193.16	\$204.75	\$128.77	\$136.50	\$64.39	\$68.25
Preschool	\$195.67	\$260.00	\$146.75	\$195.00	\$97.84	\$130.00	\$48.92	\$65.00
School Age	\$200.00	\$245.00	\$109.70	\$183.75	\$73.13	\$122.50	\$36.57	\$61.25

B. Time Authorized and Enrolled:

1. Full time: 30 hours or more per week
2. Three Quarter Time: 20-29 hours per week
3. Half time: 10-19 hours per week
4. Quarter Time: 0-9 hours per week

C. Child's Age Category:

1. Infant/Toddler: one (1) week up to three (3) years of age
2. Preschool: three (3) years up to first (1st) grade entry (this includes all Kindergarten Children)
3. School Age: First (1st) grade up to thirteen (13) years of age

11.3 Licensed Family Child Care Weekly Rates During COVID-19 Reopening

A. Licensed Family Child Care that choose to reopen during COVID-19 will be reimbursed at an enhanced rate.

1. Providers that choose to reopen during COVID-19 will temporarily be paid at the Step 4, Star 5 rate for the Infant/Toddler Age category.

2. Providers that choose to reopen during COVID-19 will temporarily be paid at the Step 4 rate for the Preschool and School Age category.

3. The following table displays the temporary CCAP weekly reimbursement

Time Authorized & Enrolled	Full Time		Three Quarter Time		Half Time		Quarter Time	
	Step→ Star ↓	Step 4 Rate	Step→ Star ↓	Step 4 Rate	Step→ Star ↓	Step 4 Rate	Step → Star ↓	Step 4 Rate
Child's Age Category ↓								
Infant / Toddler	5	\$224.43	5	\$168.32	5	\$112.21	5	\$56.11
Preschool	N/A	\$171.45	N/A	\$128.59	N/A	\$85.73	N/A	\$42.86
School Age	N/A	\$162.30	N/A	\$121.72	N/A	\$81.15	N/A	\$40.57

for Licensed Family Child Care:

B. Time Authorized and Enrolled:

1. Full time: 30 hours or more per week

2. Three Quarter Time: 20-29 hours per week

3. Half time: 10-19 hours per week

4. Quarter Time: 0-9 hours per week

C. Child's Age Category:

1. Infant/Toddler: one (1) week up to three (3) years of age

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