



Department of Human Services • Division of Family Development

New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program Copayments

Dear Provider:

As a provider serving families that receive child care assistance through New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, we are writing to inform you that families will begin to be responsible for paying copayments to you starting July 1, 2024. The copayments are a portion of the State's total Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provider payment rate, which will now be paid directly by the families you serve.

Copayments had been temporarily suspended since the onset of, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic due to the availability of additional federal funding. That funding is no longer available, and federal law requires families receiving child care assistance to share in the cost of child care by making copayments, with limited exceptions. A family's copayment amount is calculated based on the first child and second child. There is no copayment for any additional children.

The new copayment schedule is provided below:

Family Income of at least 101% and up to 200% of FPL

Table with 5 columns: Full-Time (One Child, Two or More Children), Part-Time (One Child, Two or More Children), and One Full-Time/One Part-Time (Two or More Children). Rows show copayment percentages: 2%, 3%, 1%, 1.5%, and 2.5% of income.

Family Income is 201% of FPL or Greater

Table with 5 columns: Full-Time (One Child, Two or More Children), Part-Time (One Child, Two or More Children), and One Full-Time/One Part-Time (Two or More Children). Rows show copayment percentages: 3%, 5%, 1.5%, 2.5%, and 4% of income.

Please note that if a family's income is at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or if the child is in protective services, the copayment will be waived. For those families, the State will provide the total CCAP provider payment rate and the family will owe you no copayment.

A new Parent/Applicant and Provider Agreement (PAPA) will soon be issued by your County Resource and Referral agency (CCR&R) to show the copayment amount owed to you by each family you serve that receives child care assistance.

Please note that if you charge a rate that is higher than the CCAP provider payment rate, the family will be responsible for paying you both the copayment and that overage amount above the CCAP provider payment rate.

Visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov/ChildCareNJ/media/media_library/Copayment_Schedule.pdf to view a more detailed copayment schedule. If you have any questions, please contact your CCR&R (www.ChildCareNJ.gov/CCRR).