



State and Federal Legislative Changes Impacting Child Care

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Welcome

- Introductions
- Purpose of today's training
- Agenda
 - Overview of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014
 - Changes to Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program
 - Changes to Licensed Child Care
 - Quality initiatives
 - Time for questions

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What motivated program changes?



CCDBG law

Funding



Change

Dual purpose of CCDF

A circular image showing two women looking at a laptop screen, representing work support.

Work support

A circular image showing a young child holding colorful alphabet blocks, representing child development.

Child development



Key features of reauthorization



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CCDBG affects 4 types of child care in Minnesota

Licensed child care centers

Licensed family child care providers

License-exempt child care centers (serving children receiving CCAP)

Legal nonlicensed providers (serving children receiving CCAP)

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Child Care and Development Block Grant Act

Changes to Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

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Changes for families

Changes to CCAP to be more family-friendly and increase stability for children

CCAP changes for families

- 12-month continuous eligibility
- Stable copayments
- Maintain consistent child care arrangements
- Extended eligibility
- Reporting requirements

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Continuous eligibility within the 12 month timeframe

12 month
period of
eligibility &
authorization

• Reduced
change
reporting

Copayment Fees are predictable

During eligibility period

Copay will not increase

At redetermination

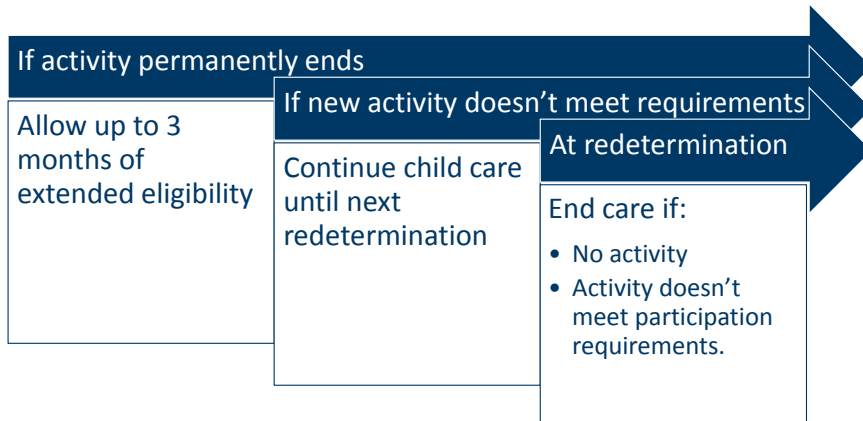
Copay is reset based on current income

Few activity and schedule changes impact eligibility

Minimum activity requirements are more flexible

Maintain steady authorizations as parent's activities fluctuate

Extended Eligibility



Changes for providers

CCAP changes for providers

- More stable authorizations
- Training requirements
- Faster payment processing
- Other non-CCDBG provider changes

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days

CCAP
payment
timeline

Other 2017 CCAP changes

- Payment limited for multiple providers
- Payment for center employees limited to 25 children

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Changes to licensed child care

2017 Legislative Changes

Annual inspections

Consumer and provider education

Health and safety standards and training

Background studies

Annual inspections requirement

Pre-licensing inspections

Annual inspections

Licensed – unannounced

Certified - announced

Changes to Licensing Information Lookup

Results of inspections will be made available online (and in plain language)

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Health and safety standards

New requirements for licensed child care centers and licensed family programs:



Relevant citations:

Licensed Centers: Minn. Stat. 245A.41

Licensed Family Programs: Minn. Stat. 245A.51

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Emergency preparedness plan

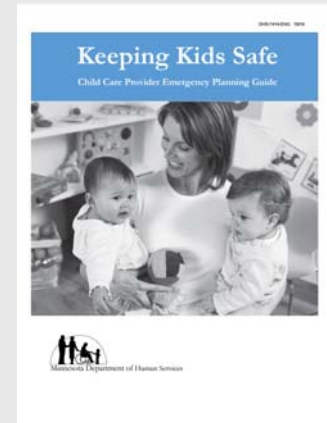
New requirement for licensed child care centers and licensed family providers:

Must use the Keeping Kids Safe emergency plan template to create an emergency preparedness plan

Relevant citations:

Licensed Family Programs: Minn. Stat. 245A.41, subd. 3

Licensed Centers: Minn. Stat. 245A.51, subd. 3



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Health and safety training requirements

Preventing Abusive Head Trauma (AHT)

Transporting children (if transportation is provided)

First aid and CPR

Preventing and reporting child abuse and neglect

Child development

Preventing and controlling infectious diseases

Preventing SUID and use of infant safe sleep practices

Administering medication

Building and physical premise safety



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Other Legislative Changes for Licensed Centers and Family Providers

Fix-It Ticket

(Minn. Stat.
245A.065)

Exit interviews

(Minn. Stat.
245A.04, subd. 4 (c))

Amended correction orders

(Minn. Stat.
245A.06, subd. 8)

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Certification of “license-exempt
centers” that participate in CCAP

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Certification of license-exempt centers

- Certification vs. licensure
- Who must be certified?
- Certification includes:
 - 12 health and safety standards
 - Monitoring and inspections
 - Background studies
- Timeline

Relevant citation:
See Minn. Stat. 245H

Additional resources:
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Background Studies

Background Study Requirements

New Child Care Background Study Requirements

- State law requires child care providers who are licensed/regulated or who receive CCAP to have a comprehensive study.
 - Licensed child care centers and Licensed family child care programs
 - License-exempt centers and Legal nonlicensed providers that are registered to receive funding through the Child Care Assistant Program (CCAP)
- Comprehensive fingerprint-based study required every 5 years
- Each study will cost \$40 plus a fingerprinting fee.

All current and new child care providers will need to have a new background study.

Background Study Requirements

Fingerprint-Based FBI Study Requirements

1. A fingerprint search of FBI criminal records (for individuals 18 years of age and older)
2. A search of the National Sex Offender Public Website
3. A fingerprint search of records held by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)
4. A search of Minnesota's predatory offender registry
5. A search of Minnesota's maltreatment registry
6. An out-of-state search of the child abuse and neglect registry for every state where that the individual resided during the past 5 years

Background Study Requirements

Individuals Requiring a New Comprehensive Background Study

- License/certification/registration holders, controlling individuals, and anyone who has direct contact with children, or unsupervised access to these individual or their information.
- Anyone employed by a child care provider.
- Anyone whose activities involve the care or supervision of a child for a child care provider.
- Anyone who has unsupervised access to a child who is cared for or supervised by a child care provider.
- An individual at least 18 year of older who resides in a licensed family child care home or a legal non-licensed child care program. (Minors age 13-17 living in these homes will undergo a fingerprint-based Minnesota BCA check only. In rare case, when a minor has a BCA record that indicates there may be a record in another state, the minor's fingerprints be sent to the FBI.)

Background Study Requirements

New Permanent Disqualifications for Child Care Providers

State law permanently prohibits a child care provider from working if the study subject has committed certain acts or been convicted of certain crimes.

Most of the federal disqualifications are already disqualifications in Minnesota, but not permanent bars.

Background Study Requirements

Implementation Plan

- Implementation of the new comprehensive studies has not yet begun anywhere in the state
- Statewide meetings with providers and counties
- Providers will be contacted well in advance with instructions for when the new studies will be required and how to initiate them
- Feedback will be sought on a draft implementation plan
- Visit DHS Website for Frequently Asked Questions: <https://tinyurl.com/MNchildcareFAQ>
- Send your questions and implementation recommendations to: DHS.CCDFReform@state.mn.us

Parent Aware

- Changes related to Early Learning Scholarships
- Changes to Parent Aware Standards and Indicators
- Changes in the ways Parent Aware supports quality improvement



Questions?

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