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Revision Date:

12/01/2021

Background:

The Regional Market Rate (RMR) ceilings are the maximum amount child care providers can be reimbursed by the State for subsidized child care under CalWORKs Child Care programs. RMR ceilings were last updated 1/1/2018 as per CalWORKs Child Care Special Notice 17-05.

Policy:

Assembly Bill 131 (Chapter 116 of the Statutes of 2021), which was signed into law on July 23, 2021, maintained the previous Regional Market Rate ceilings through December 31, 2021. Effective January 1, 2022 the new Regional Market Rate ceilings for licensed providers are established at the 75th percentile of the 2018 Regional Market Rate survey or the Regional Market Rate ceilings as they existed on December 31, 2021, whichever is greater. Also commencing January 1, 2022, reimbursement to licensed exempt care shall be 70% of the commensurate Family Child Care Home Rate. RMR ceilings will increase effective 1/1/2022 in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 131. The increased rates for San Diego County are as follows:

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Age Group	Full-time Daily	Full-time Weekly	Full-time Monthly	Part-time Hourly	Part-time Weekly	Part-time Monthly
Birth to 24 Months	98.09	395.28	1,628.90	19.02	272.98	1,104.73
2 through 5 Years	71.24	301.89	1,198.54	13.63	229.25	764.04
School Age	60.44	268.97	965.69	11.39	140.47	508.85

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Age Group	Full-time Daily	Full-time Weekly	Full-time Monthly	Part-time Hourly	Part-time Weekly	Part-time Monthly
Birth to 24 Months	59.53	257.17	1,051.24	12.77	180.25	744.63
2 through 5 Years	53.44	238.94	987.78	11.94	176.64	675.65
School Age	43.87	181.19	744.18	10.30	144.73	557.11

TRUSTLINED/RELATIVE PROVIDERS

Age Group	Full-time Daily	Full-time Weekly	Full-time Monthly	Part-time Hourly	Part-time Weekly	Part-time Monthly
Birth to 24 Months	41.67	180.02	735.87	8.94	126.18	521.24
2 through 5 Years	37.41	167.25	691.44	8.36	123.65	472.96
School Age	30.71	126.84	520.93	7.21	101.31	389.97

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Procedure:

Child Care Case Managers (CCMs) are to use the increased RMR ceilings to determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for child care services provided on or after 01/01/2022 for each family.

CCMs are to provide affected families with a timely Child Care Change Notice of Action (NOA), NA 833 (04/20), regarding the change in child care subsidy amount due to the State-approved reason: *“The State of California changed reimbursement limits.”* Each NOA must include the required hearing rights information (NA Back 9).

CCMs are to ensure the NA 833 is specific to each child care provider in accordance with County policy regarding provider notification as outlined in CPG 10-010.F. The NA 833 may list multiple children and/or multiple rates for the child(ren), if appropriate, for each provider.

Note: Rate Sheets

Per AB 131, licensed child care providers may alter rate levels for subsidized children as needed and shall provide the alternative payment program and resource and referral agency with a copy of their updated rate sheet to reflect any changes. Updated rates shall be effective within 60 days of submission of the updated rate sheet. The only applies to licensed child care providers. CCMs do not have to collect rate sheets from license-exempt providers.

See CPG 10-010.E for Child Care Payments and CPG 10-010.F for Child Care NOA requirements.

Impacts:

Automation:

The provider reference table in CalWIN was updated on 12/15/2021 to reflect the increased RMR ceilings effective 01/01/2022.

Forms and Document Capture:

Child Care desk aids for the RMR Ceilings effective 01/01/2022 and for the prior RMR Ceiling effective 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2021, RMR Ceilings effective 1/1/2017- 12/31/17, RMR Ceiling effective 10/1/2015 – 12/31/2016 and RMR Ceilings effective 1/1/2015 - 9/30/2015 are available in the CalWIN Intranet for internal staff use.

The manual Child Care Change NOA, NA 833 (04/20), is available for immediate print in English and Spanish via the Electronic Forms Library. Staff must follow instructions as per the Printing Barcoded Documents-Instruction Desk Aid to ensure the CERMS barcode prints correctly on the issued NOA.

Reminder: A copy of any manual NOA that is generated outside of the CalWIN system must be retained in the Child Care case file.

Programs Affected:

None

Quality Control (QC):

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QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this material.

References:

Child Care Bulletin 21-21
Assembly Bill 131

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 11/30/2022.

Approval for Release:



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