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Subsidy Rate Reimbursement Changes – Policy Statement

Grow NJ Kids Tiered Reimbursement Rates for Quality

Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) is designed to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the state. The system is the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program's quality benchmark for infants, toddlers, and preschool children. On June 1, 2018, New Jersey will introduce a tiered reimbursement system of payments that will pay quality based differential payments to providers in center-based settings that have a Grow NJ Kids Quality Rating level of 3, 4, or 5.

The purpose of the tiered system of reimbursement is to provide recognition and incentive to programs for participating and achieving a Grow NJ Kids rating at the highest levels.

Tiered payments range from 4 percent (4%) to 24 percent (24%) above the base rate, depending upon the age of the child, the type of care, and the quality rating of the program. Grow NJ Kids tiered reimbursement is currently limited to infants, toddlers, and preschool age children in center-based settings.

Replacing the Infant/Toddler/Preschool five percent (5%) Accreditation Differential with the Grow NJ Kids Quality Tiered Reimbursement Rates

Historically, the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program paid a five percent (5%) differential payment to providers that served infants, toddlers, and preschools and were accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission (NECPA).

The implementation of the Grow NJ Kids Quality Tiered Reimbursement Rates will be effective June 1, 2018. At that time, the Child Care Subsidy Program will no longer pay the five percent (5%) differential to programs that receive a **new or renewal** accreditation from NAEYC or NECPA.

If a program received an NAEYC/NECPA accreditation prior to June 1, 2018, the program may continue to receive the five percent (5%) differential until their accreditation expiration date; however the following exceptions apply:

- If a NAEYC or NECPA accredited program that participates in Grow NJ Kids achieves a rating of 3, 4 or 5 stars, the program will no longer receive the five percent (5%) differential. Instead, the program will receive the appropriate tiered reimbursement rate amount.
- NAEYC or NECPA accredited programs cannot receive both the five percent (5%) payment differential for accreditation and the tiered payment differential associated with a Grow NJ Kids Rating Level.
- Once programs receive the Grow NJ Kids tiered payment differential for quality, they will no longer qualify for the five percent (5%) accreditation differential.

Other Types of Accreditation that are Eligible for the five percent (5%) Accreditation Differential

School-age providers and Family Child Care providers are not eligible for the Grow NJ Kids Tiered Reimbursement Rate. However, the Department of Human Services and Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD) will continue to reimburse school age and family child care providers that deliver high quality child care in New Jersey at a higher rate.

Center-based providers that are accredited by the National School Age Child Care Coalition (SACC) or the American Camp Association (ACA) will continue to receive the five percent (5%) differential payment for school age children served for both new and renewal accreditations.

In addition, Family Child Care (FCC) providers accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) will continue to receive the five percent (5%) differential payment for new and renewal accreditations.

Department of Human Services
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Grow NJ Kids Incentives

*Child Care Subsidy Rate Increases
for Licensed Child Care Centers
(effective June 1, 2018)*

	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star
Infant	9%	16%	24%
Toddler	5%	7%	9%
Preschool	4%	7%	10%





**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MAXIMUM CHILD CARE PAYMENT RATES
CHILD CARE**

Effective: May 1, 2018

	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			ACCREDITED CHILD CARE CENTERS			GROW NJ KIDS 3-STAR RATED PROVIDERS			GROW NJ KIDS 4-STAR RATED PROVIDERS			GROW NJ KIDS 5-STAR RATED PROVIDERS		
	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
INFANTS Birth to 17 Months															
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	723.98	167.20	33.44	730.90	168.80	33.76	788.92	182.20	36.44	844.36	195.00	39.00	903.24	208.60	41.72
3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)		125.40	25.08		126.60	25.32		136.65	27.33		146.25	29.25		156.45	31.29
Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)	361.99	83.60	16.72	365.45	84.40	16.88	394.46	91.10	18.22	422.18	97.50	19.50	451.62	104.30	20.86
1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)		41.80	8.36		42.20	8.44		45.55	9.11		48.75	9.75		52.15	10.43
INFANTS Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs															
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	723.98	167.20	33.44	730.90	168.80	33.76	788.92	182.20	36.44	844.36	195.00	39.00	903.24	208.60	41.72
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1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)		41.80	8.36		42.20	8.44		45.55	9.11		48.75	9.75		52.15	10.43
TODDLERS 18 to 29 Months															
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	717.04	165.60	33.12	730.90	168.80	33.76	752.56	173.80	34.76	767.28	177.20	35.44	782.86	180.80	36.16
3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)		124.20	24.84		126.60	25.32		130.35	26.07		132.90	26.58		135.60	27.12
Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)	358.52	82.80	16.56	365.45	84.40	16.88	376.28	86.90	17.38	383.64	88.60	17.72	391.43	90.40	18.08
1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)		41.40	8.28		42.20	8.44		43.45	8.69		44.30	8.86		45.20	9.04
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1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)		41.40	8.28		42.20	8.44		43.45	8.69		44.30	8.86		45.20	9.04
PRESCHOOL 30 Months to 5 Years															
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	585.42	135.20	27.04	604.46	139.60	27.92	608.80	140.60	28.12	626.98	144.80	28.96	646.04	149.20	29.84
3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)		101.40	20.28		104.70	20.94		105.45	21.09		108.60	21.72		111.90	22.38
Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)	292.71	67.60	13.52	302.23	69.80	13.96	304.40	70.30	14.06	313.49	72.40	14.48	323.02	74.60	14.92
1/4 Time (1 hrs or fewer)		33.80	6.76		34.90	6.98		35.15	7.03		36.20	7.24		37.30	7.46
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1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)		33.80	6.76		34.90	6.98		35.15	7.03		36.20	7.24		37.30	7.46
SCHOOL-AGE 5 to 13 Years															
Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)	579.36	133.80	26.76	604.46	139.60	27.92									
3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)		100.35	20.07		104.70	20.94									
Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)	289.68	66.90	13.38	302.23	69.80	13.96									
1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)		33.45	6.69		34.90	6.98									
SCHOOL-AGE 5 to 19 Years w/Special Needs															
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Proportionate to the full time and part time rates listed above, maximum amounts paid only through the TANF Work First New Jersey and Transitional Child Care program include rates for 3/4 time (4 or 5 hours per day) and 1/4-time (1 hour per day). Non-TANF programs utilizes only 'Full Time Care' and 'Part Time Care' rates. 'Full Time Care' is 6 hours or more and 'Part Time Care' is less than 6 hours.

Provider/caregivers eligible for accredited rates include:

- > Licensed child care centers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children - National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, Council on Accreditation (COA) of Services for Families and Children, and National Early Childhood Professional Accreditation (NECPA);
- > Registered family child care providers accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care;
- > School age child care programs accredited by the National School Age Child Care Alliance; and
- > Summer camps accredited by the American Camping Association.



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SFY 2018 MAXIMUM CHILD CARE PAYMENT RATES
FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND APPROVED HOMES**

Effective: May 1, 2018

	REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			ACCREDITED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			APPROVED HOMES FFN & IN-HOME PROVIDERS		
	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	670.28	154.80	30.96	703.20	162.40	32.48	403.56	93.20	18.64
<i>3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)</i>		116.10	23.22		121.80	24.36		69.90	13.98
<i>Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)</i>	335.14	77.40	15.48	351.60	81.20	16.24	201.78	46.60	9.32
<i>1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)</i>		38.70	7.74		40.60	8.12		23.30	4.66
INFANTS <i>Birth to 17 Months w/Special Needs</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	814.04	188.00	37.60	856.48	197.80	39.56	487.56	112.60	22.52
<i>3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)</i>		141.00	28.20		148.35	29.67		84.45	16.89
<i>Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)</i>	407.02	94.00	18.80	428.24	98.90	19.78	243.78	56.30	11.26
<i>1/4 Time (1 hr or fewer)</i>		47.00	9.40		49.45	9.89		28.15	5.63
TODDLERS <i>18 to 29 Months</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	670.28	154.80	30.96	703.20	162.40	32.48	403.56	93.20	18.64
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PRESCHOOL <i>30 Months to 5 Years</i>									
<i>Full Time Care (6 hrs or more)</i>	526.52	121.60	24.32	549.92	127.00	25.40	314.36	72.60	14.52
<i>3/4 Time (4 or 5 hrs)</i>		91.20	18.24		95.25	19.05		54.45	10.89
<i>Part Time Care (2 or 3 hrs)</i>	263.26	60.80	12.16	274.96	63.50	12.70	157.18	36.30	7.26
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