

Chapter 6

Determining Payment Rates to Providers On Agreement (POA) for Services to Child Care Services (CCS) Referred Children

CVWDB Maximum Reimbursement Rates

CVWDB sets the maximum rates that Providers can be reimbursed for services to (CCS) referred children according to:

- Federal and state rules, laws and regulations and local policy
- CVWDB/ CCS local plans that have been approved by the state government

Maximum reimbursement rates are based on the following:

- The type of child care offered, such as licensed center, registered childcare home, or licensed child care home
- The ages of the children served
- Whether full-day or part-day care is provided
- Whether additional adult help is needed for children with disabilities

In order to determine the maximum rates, TWC and CVWDB each conduct a survey of a random sample of child care providers in each local workforce development area. Providers are asked to report their published rate for care in each category listed. The two surveys are compared and local conditions considered when the CVWDB sets the maximum reimbursement rates.

CCS Provider Payment Rates

Actual payment rates for individual Providers are set when the Provider Agreement is signed. The POA receives these amounts for each day of care provided to CCS referred children.

Payment rates are based upon the Provider's documentation of their rates as reported on Form 2430. Provider reimbursement rates are based on their published rates pro-rated to a daily rate. A copy of Provider's published rates must be provided to CCS/CDS staff. Provider determines a single rate for full-time care and a single rate for part-time care for each of the four age categories, for a total of eight rates. The Provider may include registration and transportation fees in determining their rates. CCS staff is available to assist Providers who have multiple rates within an age category in determining their rate for that category.

Providers will not be paid more than the CVWDB maximum reimbursement rate even if their published rates are higher than the CVWDB maximum reimbursement rates. A POA cannot require CCS referred parents to make up the difference between Providers' published rates and the CVWDB maximum reimbursement rates. Parents can be assessed fees that would normally be assessed to parents of non-CCS referred children.

CCS staff may review the POA's records (i.e. supporting documents) to determine if the rates established by the Provider reflect rates consistent with rates paid by non-CCS referred parents.

When Providers Change Their Rates

If a POA changes their published rates they must send written documentation of the new rates to CCS. A Provider Agreement amendment will be prepared that shows the new rates. The new rates will be effective the first of the following month after an amended Provider Agreement has been signed showing the new rate.

RULES THAT APPLY

The following rules apply to information in Chapter 6:

§809.20 — Maximum Provider Reimbursement Rates

§809.21 — Determining the Amount of the Provider Reimbursement

§809.93 — Provider Reimbursement

Remember

- A POA determines a single rate for full-day and a single rate for part-day care per age category.
- CCS referred children may not be charged a higher rate than other children are charged.
- CCS referred parents cannot be required to make up any difference between the POA's published rate and the CVWDB maximum reimbursement rate.