



## CHILD CARE RATE INCREASE FOR LICENSED HOME PROVIDERS

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Effective April 1, 2019, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is increasing the maximum child care payment rates for home providers. The new child care rates are listed on the back side of this page.

Complete the enclosed Child Care Rate Certification Form certifying the rates that you will charge beginning April 1, 2019. Return this form to your Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency before April 1, 2019. A chart listing the counties served by each CCR&R and their address is on the back of the Child Care Rate Certification Form.

Your CCR&R must receive the completed Child Care Rate Certification Form before processing any payments at the increased rates. If your completed Child Care Rate Certification Form is received by your CCR&R after April 30, 2019, any rate increase will be effective the service month in which your completed form is received.

When you agree to provide child care services for families enrolled in the Child Care Assistance Program, you may charge the State of Illinois up to the maximum rates allowed by the state. However, you cannot charge the State of Illinois a rate that is higher than you charge to the general public for similar services. This includes discounts such as multiple child discounts, staff discounts, full-week discounts, pre-pay discounts, and sliding fee scales. If you charge the general public a rate higher than the maximum rate, we would hope that when you accept our families, you would also accept the state maximum rate as payment in full. It is a hardship for our families to make up any difference in charges.

- \* The IDHS Child Care Telephone Billing System is an easier and faster way to get paid. Contact your CCR&R for more information.
- \* The Illinois Debit MasterCard is a proven fast, convenient and secure payment method to access your Child Care payment and something you shouldn't be without! To apply for the Illinois Debit MasterCard or to get information about the program all you need to do is go to <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=45466>. If you don't have Internet access, contact your CCR&R for more information.