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Program Instruction

To: Child Care Voucher Management Program, Contracted Child Care Slots Agencies, Other Interested Parties

References: Child Care and Development Fund 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99, July 1998 and Social Services Block Grant Program, Final Rule, 58 Fed. Reg. 218, 60117-60133 (November 15, 1993), (codified at 45 C.F.R. pt. 96, et al.).

Purpose: Child Care Market Rates Effective **October 1, 2008**

Background: The attached rate schedule indicates the maximum rate the Department of Health and Human Services will pay for child care services through the DHHS Voucher Management Program and/or Contracted Child Care Slots Agencies effective 10/1/2008. The attached market rates will remain in effect until new rates are established by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services. The total voucher payment and the parent fee shall not exceed the rate charged the caregiver's other clients for equivalent child care services. Providers who have a contract with DHHS, either for a voucher or contracted slot, can not charge a parent receiving a subsidy a higher rate than the market rate (the subsidy payment plus the parent fee), even if their private fee rate is higher

The following adjustment factors apply to the attached market rates:

- Rates for all children served in non-traditional hours will be calculated by applying an adjustment factor of 1.35 to **only** the hours of care provided after 6 pm and before 6 am Monday through Friday and anytime Saturday or Sunday.
- The age groupings are based on the Child Care Center Licensing Rules for ratios and group sizes:
 - Infants – 6 weeks through 12 months
 - Toddler – 13 months through 36 months
 - Preschool – 3 years to not-yet-attending-kindergarten-age 5 years
 - School age – 5 years and attending full-day kindergarten – up to 13 years

Infant, Toddler, and Preschool rates are adjusted based on the number of hours care is provided:

- **Infant, Toddler and Preschool Hours**

Full-time – **Greater than or equal to 30 plus hours per week** – full rate (≥ 30 plus hours)

Three-quarter time – **Greater than or equal to 20 hours to less than 30 hours per week** - 75% of full time rate (≥ 20 to < 30)

Half-time – **Greater than or equal to 10 to less than 20 hours per week** – 50 % of full time rate (≥ 10 to < 20)

One-quarter time – **Greater than 0 to less than 10 hours per week** -25% of the full time rate (> 0 to < 10)

- **The School Age Hours have different groupings. Payment will be based on the number of hours a child is in care regardless of the time of year**

Full-time – **Greater than or equal to 30 plus hours per week** – full rate (≥ 30 plus hours)

Three-quarter time – **Greater than or equal to 11 to less than 30 hours per week** - 75% of the full time rate (≥ 11 to < 30)

Half-time – **Greater than or equal to 6 to less than 11 hours per week** – 50% of the full time rate (≥ 6 to < 11)

One-quarter time – **Greater than 0 to less than 6 hours per week** – 25% of the full time rate (> 0 to < 6)

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers

	Full-time	Three-Quarter Time	Half-Time	One-Quarter Time
Hours	≥ 30 plus	≥ 20 to < 30	≥ 10 to < 20	> 0 to < 10
% of Rate	100%	75%	50%	25%

School Age

	Full-time	Three-Quarter Time	Half-Time	One-Quarter Time
Hours	≥ 30 plus	≥ 11 to < 30	≥ 6 to < 11	> 0 to < 6
% of Rate	100%	75%	50%	25%

- School Age Rate will be used for children 5 years old and attending full-day kindergarten and up to 13 years being cared for between 6AM and 6PM Monday through Friday.
- The quality stipend for children enrolled in a child care center or home that has a Certificate of Quality or a Step 4 Certificate on the Maine Child Care Quality Rating

System issued by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Early Childhood Division, will be calculated by applying an adjustment factor of 1.10 to the provider's rate. The quality stipend for children enrolled in a child care center or home that has a Step 3 Certificate on the Maine Child Care Quality Rating System will be calculated by applying an adjustment factor of 1.05 to the provider's rate for one-year after receiving the Step 3 certificate. The quality stipend for children enrolled in a child care center or home that has a Step 2 Certificate on the Maine Child Care Quality Rating System will be calculated by applying an adjustment factor of 1.02 to the provider's rate for one-year after receiving the Step 2 certificate. This quality stipend is not part of the child care rate and therefore the following rule does not apply to that increase: *The total voucher payment and the parent fee shall not exceed the rate charged the caregiver's other clients for equivalent child care services.*

Maine Quality Rating System Quality Stipend

Quality Step	Adjustment Factor	Time Period
Step 4 QRS Certificate or Quality Certificate	1.10	As long as certificate is valid
Step 3 QRS Certificate	1.05	1 year
Step 2 QRS Certificate	1.02	1 year

The rate for Legal Unregulated Care is set at **70%** of the licensed family child care rate.

The Department of Health and Human Services contracted with Digital Research of Kennebunk to conduct a child care market rate survey. The survey was mailed to all licensed child care providers in Maine.

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Maine Department of Health and Human Services Child Care Market Rate 2008

	Licensed Child Care Center Maximum Rate	Licensed Family Child Care Maximum Rate	Legal Unlicensed Providers Maximum Rate
ANDROSCOGGIN			
Infant	\$160.00	\$130.00	91.00
Toddler	\$145.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Preschool	\$140.00	\$115.00	\$81.00
School-Age	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$70.00
AROOSTOOK			
Infant	\$167.00	\$90.00	\$63.00
Toddler	\$153.00	\$85.00	\$60.00
Preschool	\$136.00	\$85.00	\$60.00
School-Age	\$110.00	\$85.00	\$60.00
CUMBERLAND			
Infant	\$230.00	\$150.00	\$105.00
Toddler	\$208.00	\$150.00	\$105.00
Preschool	\$186.00	\$145.00	\$102.00
School-Age	\$160.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
FRANKLIN			
Infant	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$84.00
Toddler	\$137.00	\$112.00	\$79.00
Preschool	\$125.00	\$105.00	\$74.00
School-Age	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$70.00
HANCOCK			
Infant	\$200.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Toddler	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Preschool	\$149.00	\$120.00	\$84.00
School-Age	\$140.00	\$110.00	\$77.00
KENNEBEC			
Infant	\$170.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Toddler	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Preschool	\$120.00	\$110.00	\$77.00
School-Age	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$70.00
KNOX			
Infant	\$185.00	\$135.00	\$95.00
Toddler	\$150.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Preschool	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
School-Age	\$130.00	\$120.00	\$84.00
LINCOLN			
Infant	\$170.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Toddler	\$160.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Preschool	\$157.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
School-Age	\$125.00	\$110.00	\$77.00

OXFORD

Infant	\$167.00	\$135.00	\$95.00
Toddler	\$163.00	\$120.00	\$84.00
Preschool	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$81.00
School-Age	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$70.00

PENOBSCOT

Infant	\$173.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Toddler	\$158.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Preschool	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
School-Age	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$84.00

PISCATAQUIS

Infant	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Toddler	\$120.00	\$115.00	\$81.00
Preschool	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$77.00
School-Age	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$77.00

SAGADAHOC

Infant	\$165.00	\$140.00	\$98.00
Toddler	\$165.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
Preschool	\$160.00	\$128.00	\$90.00
School-Age	\$145.00	\$125.00	\$88.00

SOMERSET

Infant	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Toddler	\$155.00	\$115.00	\$81.00
Preschool	\$145.00	\$100.00	\$70.00
School-Age	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$63.00

WALDO

Infant	\$170.00	\$128.00	\$90.00
Toddler	\$165.00	\$125.00	\$88.00
Preschool	\$155.00	\$120.00	\$84.00
School-Age	\$145.00	\$110.00	\$77.00

WASHINGTON

Infant	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$105.00
Toddler	\$165.00	\$140.00	\$98.00
Preschool	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
School-Age	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$70.00

YORK

Infant	\$209.00	\$150.00	\$105.00
Toddler	\$190.00	\$140.00	\$98.00
Preschool	\$165.00	\$130.00	\$91.00
School-Age	\$160.00	\$125.00	\$88.00

