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### COVID-19 Supplemental Payment Notice

(March through June 2021)

Dear Child Care Provider:

The State of New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD) received federal funds through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) of 2021 (P.L. 116-260) to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.

To continue to promote continuity of services to support subsidy families and child care providers impacted by COVID-19, supplemental payments have been combined into the subsidy reimbursement rate. Providers will receive higher rates for all eligible children with authorized agreements over the next four months, from March 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021.

Providers will receive \$300 per month, per child for full-time children or \$150 per month, per child for part-time children, currently enrolled in care. For a new enrollment, a child must be enrolled no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to receive the full amount, otherwise the rate will be prorated based on the number of authorized care days.

There are no changes in the payment schedule. Payment will be directly deposited biweekly. Providers will see the new rate increases in the March 30, 2021 direct deposit. These new rates can also be viewed in the provider payment portal.

Because these funds are authorized under the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), they must be used specifically for COVID-19 related activities. Eligible COVID-19 expenses include waiving copays, fees or charges above the subsidy rate, and/or the purchasing of cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, training supplies and communication materials.

As a reminder, all subsidy providers are required to comply with CCDF health and safety requirements, including background checks, and health and safety trainings. The list of required pre-service trainings can be found on our website at [www.ChildCareNJ.gov/Providers/Training](http://www.ChildCareNJ.gov/Providers/Training).

DHS/DFD is required to identify how CRRSA funds will be used. Attached is the **Child Enrollment and CRRSA Acknowledgement Form** to complete and return to the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agency in your county.

If you have questions, you may contact your CCR&R Agency at .

The temporary Maximum Child Care Payment Rate Chart for 3/1/21 – 6/30/21 is below: