

State of New Jersey DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

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## **COVID-19 Supplemental Payment Extension Notice**

Dear Child Care Provider:

To continue to promote continuity of services to support families receiving child care assistance and child care providers impacted by COVID-19, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD) is extending the COVID-19 Supplemental Payment through August 2021 as following:

- Providers will continue to receive the COVID-19 supplemental payments for all eligible children with authorized agreements during the months of July and August 2021 with no changes in the payment process or schedule.
- Beginning September 2021 and going through December 2021, there will be changes to the supplemental payments in efforts to support families receiving child care assistance. The purpose of these payments going forward will be to help families offset the cost of care. DHS/DFD will be providing more information regarding these changes in the upcoming weeks.

As a reminder, these funds are authorized under the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), therefore, 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.

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

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