



Department of Human Services • Division of Family Development
New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program
Copayments

Dear Parent/Applicant:

As a family receiving child care assistance through New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, we are writing to inform you that your child care provider will begin collecting copayments from you starting July 1, 2024. Copayments had been temporarily suspended since the onset of, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic due to the availability of additional federal funding. That funding is no longer available, and federal law requires families receiving child care assistance to share in the cost of child care by making copayments, with limited exceptions.

Your copayment amount is calculated based on your first child and second child. There is no copayment for any additional children. However, if your income is at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), your copayment will be waived. For example, if you are a family of two with an income up to \$20,440, or a family of three with income up to \$25,820, your copayment will be waived – meaning that you will owe no copayment.

Copayment percentages are as follows:

Family Income at or below 100% FPL

Full-Time		Part-Time		One Full-Time/One Part-Time
One Child	Two or More Children	One Child	Two or More Children	Two or More Children
waived	waived	waived	waived	waived

Family Income of at least 101% and up to 200% of FPL

Full-Time		Part-Time		One Full-Time/One Part-Time
One Child	Two or More Children	One Child	Two or More Children	Two or More Children
2% of income	3% of income	1% of income	1.5% of income	2.5% of income

Family Income Is 201% of FPL or Greater

Full-Time		Part-Time		One Full-Time/One Part-Time
One Child	Two or More Children	One Child	Two or More Children	Two or More Children
3% if income	5% of income	1.5% of income	2.5% of income	4% of income

A new Parent/Applicant and Provider Agreement (PAPA) will soon be issued by your County Resource and Referral agency (CCR&R) to show the copayment amount you will need to pay to your provider(s). It is based on the income and family size you provided at your eligibility determination or redetermination. If your income or household size has since changed and you believe it may affect your copayment amount, contact your CCR&R to request a copayment adjustment.

Please note that if your provider charges a rate that is higher than the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provider payment rate, you will continue to be responsible for paying that overage amount as well as any other any other costs and fees. This is in addition to your copayment.

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