

Policy Communiqué #11-15: Adjustment to Non-Traditional Rates

This is a message from the Bureau of Subsidized Child Care Services

Title: Adjustment to Non-Traditional Rates

Date: July 7, 2011

Priority: **HIGH**

Category: Informational

Action Required: See Next Steps

Response Required: None

Purpose:

The purpose of this communiqué is to advise Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies that beginning August 1, 2011 payment for non-traditional hours will decrease.

Background:

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) currently pays an add-on for care given during non-traditional hours when the parent's or caregiver's verified work or training schedule indicates a need for evening or weekend hours of care. Non-traditional care is defined as five or more hours of full-time care or three to less than five hours of part-time care between the hours of 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM, Monday through Friday and/or anytime Saturday and/or Sunday.

Discussion:

Beginning August 1, 2011, the non-traditional payment amount for regulated providers with STAR 2, STAR 3 or STAR 4 quality ratings will be lowered from 25% to 15%. For all other providers (relative/neighbor and regulated providers with No STARS or STAR 1), the non-traditional payment will decrease from 7% to 3%. PELICAN Child Care Works has been modified to pay the appropriate add-on percentage beginning August 1, 2011.

Next Steps:

1. Share this information with appropriate staff.
2. Send the attached provider letter and appropriate Provider Agreement Appendix to all providers immediately, but no later than Friday July 15, 2011.
3. Direct questions to your Subsidy Coordinator.