DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

MAJORITY

By **majority**, we mean the greatest number of private fee families paying the same amount. Only consider those private fee children who attend daily Monday through Friday. For example, if you have a total of six private fee families with 0-12 month children attending full-time daily Monday through Friday, you should compare the amounts each family paid weekly:

Example 1

Family A $125.00 per week
Family B $125.00 per week
Family C $125.00 per week
Family D $125.00 per week
Family E $100.00 per week
Family F $100.00 per week

Four families paid $125.00 per week and two families paid $100.00 per week. Since the greatest number of families paid $125.00, $125.00 is the majority payment amount for the 0-12 month age level.

Example 2

Family A $125.00 per week
Family B $120.00 per week
Family C $115.00 per week
Family D $110.00 per week
Family E $100.00 per week
Family F $100.00 per week

Two families paid $100.00 per week. The remaining families paid separate amounts. Since the greatest number of families paid $100.00, $100.00 is the majority payment amount for the 0-12 month age level.

If you have an equal number of families, paying different amounts for a particular age level

If there were an equal number of private fee families with children attending Monday through Friday who paid different amounts, you should average those amounts. See the following example.

Family A $90.00 per week
Family B $90.00 per week
Family C $90.00 per week
Family D $100.00 per week
Family E $100.00 per week
Family F $100.00 per week

Three families paid $90.00 per week and three families paid $100.00 per week. Since there is no majority, the two amounts must be averaged:

1. Add the amounts: $90 + $100 = $190
2. Since there were two equal groups, divide by 2 to determine the average payment: $190 / 2 = $95.00.

If there is no majority of private fee families for a particular age level

If there was no majority of private fee families with children attending Monday through Friday during the month, average all payment amounts. See the following example.

Family A $125.00 per week
Family B $115.00 per week
Family C $110.00 per week
Family D $105.00 per week
Family E $102.50 per week
Family F $100.00 per week

Each private fee family paid a different amount. Since there is no majority, all payment amounts must be averaged:

1. Add the amounts: $125 + $115 + $110 + $105 + $102.50 + $100 = $657.50
2. Since there were six payment amounts, divide by 6 to determine the average payment: $657.50 / 6 = $109.58

VALIDATE

A member of The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) or an agent acting on behalf of OCDEL will obtain rate records to verify payment information. This will confirm the accuracy of your response on the Market Rate Survey.

OCDEL reserves the right to lower rates in accordance with the findings of the verification process. This may include a recovery of overpayments.

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