



ANNOUNCEMENT: S-12 #04
OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EARLY LEARNING
BUREAU OF SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SERVICES

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SUBJECT:	Decrease in Unregulated Provider Maximum Child Care Allowance
TO:	Child Care Information Services Agencies
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PURPOSE:

To inform Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies of a decrease to the Maximum Child Care Allowance (MCCA) for children enrolled with unregulated child care providers. The decreased rates will be effective July 1, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

The MCCA represents the daily maximum amount the CCIS will pay to providers who participate in the subsidized child care program. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) sets the MCCA for care levels and provider types for each county.

DISCUSSION:

OCDEL is decreasing the MCCA for children enrolled with unregulated child care providers. Full-time rates currently above \$11.00 per day will be reduced by 15 percent or to \$11.00, whichever is higher. Part-time rates currently above \$7.75 per day will be reduced by 15 percent or to \$7.75, whichever is higher.

Attached to this Announcement is an Excel spreadsheet which includes the revised MCCA chart. The chart also shows rates for center, group and family child care providers. The MCCA did not change for these regulated provider types.

Additional information will follow that will include new Agreements and a new rate guide. OCDEL will generate a new Appendix B for all unregulated providers except for In-Home and Out-of-State providers, which each CCIS will create locally. The CCIS will send new Provider Agreements to all unregulated providers prior to July 1, 2012.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Distribute this announcement to appropriate staff.
2. Revise all information that you distribute about the subsidized child care program to reflect the MCCA changes.
3. Expect an Announcement, which will include updated Provider Agreements, Appendices and a revised rate guide.
4. Direct questions to your Subsidy Coordinator.