

Child Care Connections

ND Early Childhood Section and Child Care Assistance Program



Welcome to the new child care provider newsletter. We are excited to share the latest updates you need to know as a child care provider in North Dakota.

This newsletter will keep you informed and empower you to find resources that will help you as you serve North Dakota children, families and communities.

We respect your inbox and plan on sharing information in this newsletter four times each year.



Early Childhood Policies

Did you know information about child care related laws, administrative rules, and policies can be found on the HHS website?

These resources can help you gain more knowledge about Early Childhood in North Dakota. Click the links below to learn more.

[ND Early Childhood Services Law is CHAPTER 50-11.1](#)

50-11.1-01. The purpose of this chapter is to require the Department of Health and Human Services to administer Early Childhood Services and assure that children receiving early childhood services be provided food, shelter, safety, comfort,

supervision and learning experiences commensurate to their age and capabilities, so as to safeguard the health, safety and development of those children.

[ND Early Childhood Services Administrative Code \(NDAC\) also referred to as licensing rules](#)

The purpose of Early Childhood Licensing Administrative Code is to interpret the law (50-11.1-01) and regulate child care settings through rules that pertain to the different types of licensed and certified child care programs.

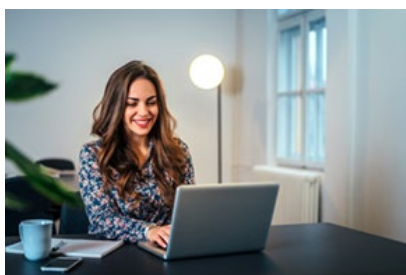
[Early Childhood Licensing Policy](#)

Policies are guidelines that assist both state staff and child care providers to interpret rules.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, lawmakers approved changes to the [Early Childhood Services Century Code 50-11.1-01](#). This has given the department the authority to begin working on updating North Dakota Administrative Code as it pertains to all the Early Childhood license types. This process begins by engaging the Early Childhood Services Advisory Board. Early Childhood Services rule changes will go into effect Jan. 1, 2024.



[Learn more about the advisory board](#)



Child Care Provider Systems

HHS has two online systems for Child Care Providers. A guide has been created to show what you can do in each.

Child Care Licensing System (CCL)

In this system you can submit your licensing and self-declaration applications and renewals.

Provider Self-Service Portal (SSP)

This system allows you to submit your monthly Child Care Assistance Program payment requests.

[View the systems guide](#)

Child Care Assistance Program Corner

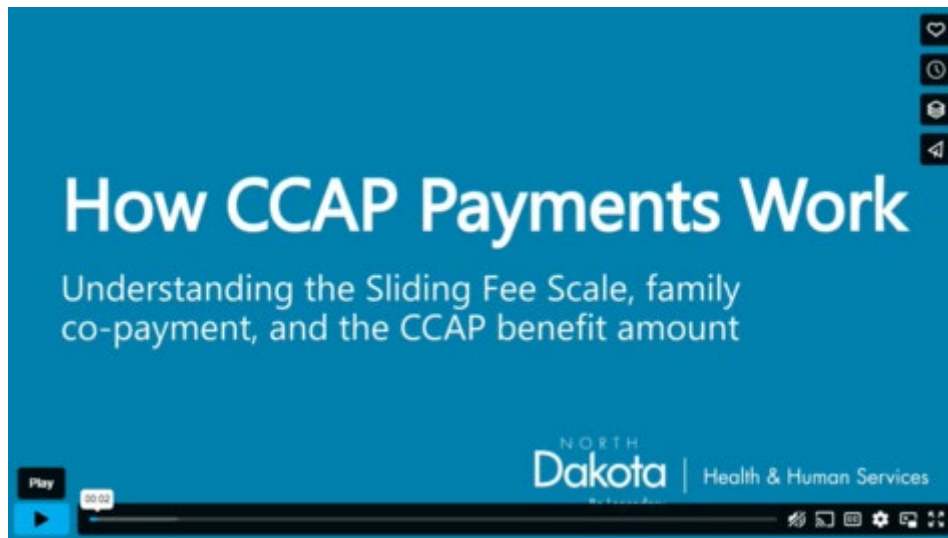
CCAP has some upcoming changes as a result of legislative session and the ending of some pandemic-related assistance.

Here is a summary of the changes:

- **Co-payments will start again** with July 2023 payments.
- Co-payments will be **waived for families at or below 30%** of the state median income (SMI).
- Payments to providers will **no longer be issued at the maximum state rate** beginning with payments for child care provided in July 2023.
- Payments will **no longer be made directly to families** starting Aug. 1, 2023.

More details including why these changes are happening can be found on the CCAP webpage.

[See details on these changes](#)



CCAP Tips and Tricks

Frequently asked questions can be found in the Provider Self-Service Portal. Click "FAQ" from the menu at the top of the page to view them.

NEW: Videos are available on the CCAP Providers webpage to help you with the following topics:

- [How to Upload a Document in the Self-Service Portal \(SSP\)](#)
- [Tips for Registering as a CCAP Provider](#)

- [General CCAP Information for Providers](#)
- [How CCAP Payments Work: Understanding the Sliding Fee Scale, Family Co-Payment, and the CCAP Benefit Amount](#)

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