

State of Rhode Island
Department of Human Services
Concise Summary of Changes

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. General Law, Section 42-35-2.11, the Department of Human Services provides the following concise explanatory statement of summary of the changes implemented to the following regulation:

RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Chapter 20 – Individual and Family Support Programs
Part 4 – Child Care Assistance Program Rules and Regulations

Effective September 2019, the changes implemented by an Emergency Amendment to the Child Care Assistance Program will be finalized. These changes are as follows:

- Update to the 2019 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Income Guidelines per the federal mandate;
- Redefined school hours to be from 9:30 am -1:30 pm, instead of 9 am-2 pm;
- Increased the grace period for job loss from twenty-one (21) days to three (3) months;
- Clarification of loss in status of employment, education or training when there is less than three (3) months of the twelve (12) month certification period remaining;
- Removal of RI Works (RIW) assistance payments as countable income;
- Added RIW assistance payments to the Excluded Income definition;
- Implement the requirement that License Exempt Providers are to care for relatives only;
- Clarified co-pays for RIW recipients;
- Clarified co-pays for a Loco Parentis who is not included in the RIW payment;
- Implemented a zero co-pay for homeless families applying for CCAP;
- Implemented the procedure to allow CCAP Providers to enroll a homeless child prior to receipt of the immunization record and/or completion of other health and safety requirements;
- Implemented approval of DHS payment for up to ninety (90) days of child care while an application for a homeless family is pending, even if the application is ultimately denied;
- Implement the procedure that CCAP Providers will dis-enroll a homeless child when the requirement to provide the immunization record and/or the completion of other health and safety requirements have not been met by day ninety (90) of the enrollment;
- Changed the limit of days for which DHS will issue payment for an absent eligible child from two weeks in a twelve (12) month period to five (5) days per month;
- Updated the renewal period for Licensed Providers (§ 4.12.5 C.1.) from five (5) years to two (2) years to align with Licensing Regulations; and
- Removal of the CCAP Maximum Weekly Reimbursement Rates chart (§ 4.13) and replaced it with a link.