



## POLICY ADVISORY

**Policy Title:** Family Child Care Financial Assistance Reimbursement Rates for Fiscal Year 2025

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## OVERVIEW

Through the state's Fiscal Year 2025 state budget and another supplemental budget, \$22.5 million was provided to increase the reimbursement rates for early education and care providers who care for children whose families receive state Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA). The Board of Early Education and Care approved a rate increase plan that includes an across-the-board increase for all rates as well as additional targeted adjustments to specific rates by region and age group to make progress on inequities in rate amounts, based on the cost of providing care.

EEC updated CCFA rates for family child care providers on May 1, 2025. This rate increase is retroactive to July 1, 2024, which means the rate increase will be applied to services provided on or after July 1, 2024. Family child care providers will receive a one-time payment in May to account for retroactive rate increases.

Please note: billing will be processed as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience as EEC implements these rate increases.

## APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all family child care providers who accept state Child Care Financial Assistance.

## KEY UPDATES

Key changes to EEC's family child care reimbursement rates include:

- A 1% cost-of-living adjustment to all family child care rates.
- Some family child care rates will increase further due to:
  - Targeted rate increases in regions where rates are farthest from the cost of care;
  - A targeted increase to the Northeast over age 2 rate to recognize the cost of care relative to other regions; and/or
  - Intentional efforts to move rates to at least 67% of the current cost of care as defined by recent cost research commissioned by EEC.

## RESOURCES

For more information, you may find the [rate chart](#) or answers to [commonly asked questions here](#).

If you or your staff have questions about this policy or need additional support, please contact [eeccsubsidymanagement@mass.gov](mailto:eeccsubsidymanagement@mass.gov).

## OBSOLETE

The Fiscal Year 2025 rate structure replaces the agency's rate structure from Fiscal Year 2024.