



**Board of Early Education and Care Motion FY 2026-08  
Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Reimbursement Rate Increase for Informal Child Care  
Providing Subsidized Early Education and Care Services**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 15D, § 3, the Board of Early Education and Care (Board) is charged with, among other things, consolidating and coordinating resources and public funding streams for early education and care in order to assure the sound and coordinated development of all early education and care programs and services to children. Additionally, the Board shall oversee the implementation of a workforce development system supporting the education, training and compensation of the early education and care workforce and shall consider the public and private resources that are available. *See* G.L. c. 15D, §§ 3(a) and 5.

The Department of Early Education and Care (Department) shall establish and revise a rate structure for compensating subsidized child care providers. *See* G.L. c. 15D, § 2(e). To continue much needed support and financial stability to Informal Child Care (ICC) caregivers and families across the state, the Department recommends for FY27 to raise informal rate for care in child's home to match rate for care in relative's home and apply across-the-board increases to all rates. Specifically,

- Increasing the informal rate for part-time care in relative's home from \$14.47 to \$16.68.
- Increasing the informal rate for part-time care by relative or non-relative in child's home from \$10.40 to \$16.68.
- Increasing the informal rate for full-time care in relative's home from \$24.57 to \$27.80.
- Increasing the informal rate for full-time care by relative or non-relative in child's home from \$17.33 to \$27.80.
- All rate increases will be in effect as of July 1, 2026.

**MOVED: To provide much needed support and financial stability to early education and care providers across the state, that the Board of Early Education and Care hereby approves the Department's recommendations regarding the FY27 rate increase for Informal Child Care (ICC) providers of subsidized early education and care.**