



Provider Experience





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Today's training will cover the phases of the Provider Experience with Child Care Financial Assistance

Topic

Introductions & Housekeeping

Provider Experience: Overview & Background

Enrollment and Attendance

Reimbursement Based on Enrollment

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Deep Dive: Self-Employment

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Deep Dive: Transportation

Training Conclusion





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Today's Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to...

- Articulate the changes to the regulations, policies, and procedures connected to the provider experience: Enrollment and Attendance, Reimbursement Based on Enrollment, Self-Employment, and Transportation.
- Execute procedures associated with Enrollment and Attendance, Reimbursement Based on Enrollment, Self-Employment, and Transportation to drive the policies and regulations forward
- Understand how the new regulations, policies, and procedures impact how you work with families, and how families will work with our various partners – you!





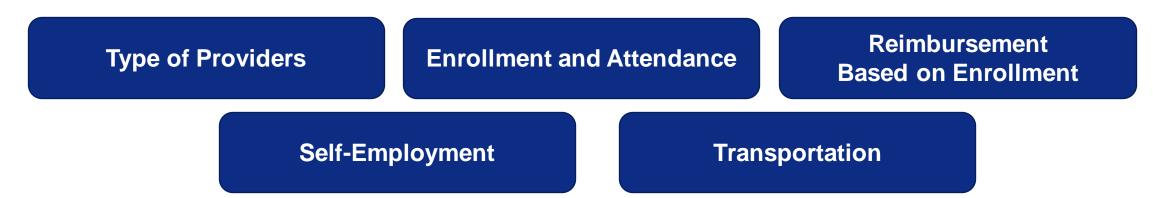
The Provider Experience





What is the Provider Experience?

The Provider Experience covers the practices required to maintain the quality and regulatory compliance required to maintain the efficacy of the Child Care Financial Assistance program.



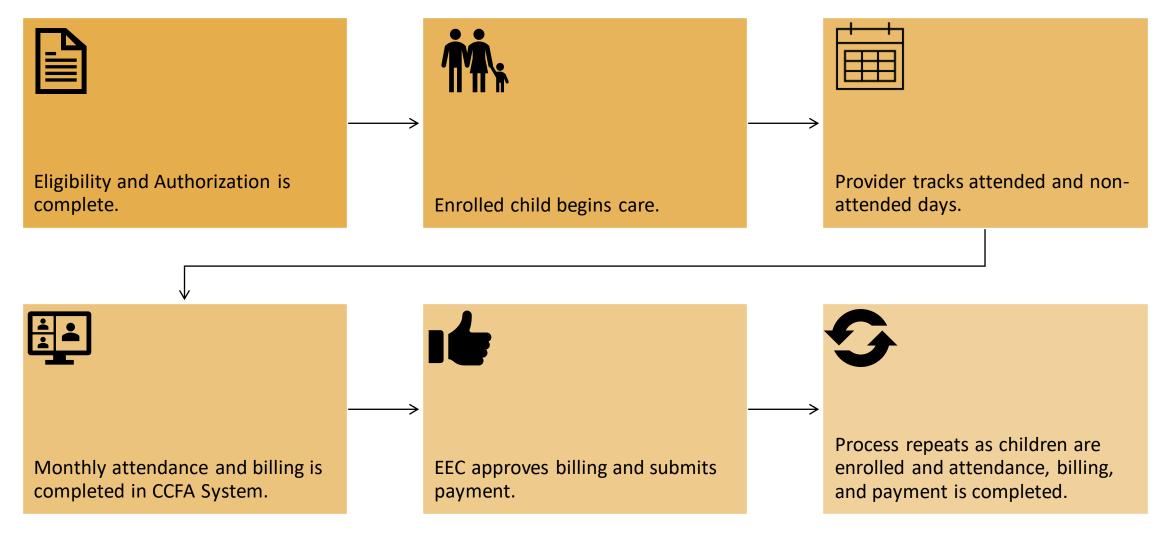
Each topic will explore key areas:

- Policy and procedures covering both the current and future state (what has changed)
- How to communicate with families, where applicable
- Implications for your day-to-day work in CCFA.





Provider Experience Process Map







Types of Providers and Agreements

Contracted providers and Family Child Care Systems

- Contracted providers and Family Child Care Systems are required to sign a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract Agreement with EEC.
- Contract Agreements with EEC are only available through a procurement process as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Operations Service Division (OSD).
- Family Child Care Providers accepting contract slots are required to sign a System agreement with a Family Child System.

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCRR)

- Initiates agreements with Providers accepting vouchers through a Voucher Agreement
- Providers can sign a Voucher Agreement with a CCRRs at any time.
 - Where there is an Umbrella organization that has multiple provider locations of care across more than one CCRR Region, a separate voucher agreement must be completed with that respective CCRR.
- Funded early education and care providers are required to obtain and submit to the CCRR a copy of a current and valid Certificate of Eligibility for Funding issued by EEC.

Family Access Administrators

A person or organization authorized or designated by EEC to conduct eligibility determinations for child care financial assistance, subject to EEC oversight and review. Current authorized entities include Contracted Child Care Educators/Providers and CCRRs.





Enrollment and Attendance



Enrollment-Based Attendance Overview

Child is determined eligible and authorized for Financial Assistance for 12-month authorization or a 12-week provisional Authorization is complete in CCFA

Placement at the confirmed location of care is completed in CCFA based on parent's schedule Child starts care on the day as indicated on the authorization and placement

Provider bills based on the child's authorization and placement

Provider completes attendance in CCFA based on the child's placement

Provider tracks attendance internally at the program



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From Authorization to Attendance

Authorization

- Verification of eligibility is complete.
- Authorization is entered into CCFA.
- File is sent to Secondary Approver for review and approval.
- File can be hard copy or electronic.
- If rejected, all corrections are made to ensure final approval.
- Authorization can be pushed forward up to 3 weeks if family is not ready to start care.

Placement

- Upon final approval of Authorization in CCFA, a placement is created based on family's schedule and service need.
- Fee Agreement and Voucher (if applicable) is generated and sent to parent for signature. (Electronically or Hard Copy)
- Final documents are placed in child's file or electronic filing system.

Attendance

- Child's placement begins and provider tracks attendance.
- Internal tracking of child's attendance and absences is completed in accordance with EEC Financial Assistance Policies and EEC Licensing Policies.
- Programs must counsel families on the Financial Assistance Absence policies.



From Attendance to CCFA Entry





Prior to entry into CCFA, internal reviews should be completed.
Confirm absences are tracked

- accurately.
- •Confirm child is still placed at the program.
- •Confirm **if** any potential adjustments are needed.

Second Attendance Review prior to CCFA Entry

- •Based on program's internal attendance policies.
- Provides additional confirmation of complete and accurate billing.



- Providers should enter their own attendance
- •Org Admins can enter attendance for providers under umbrella.
- •Contract Provider: FCC, Center Based
- Voucher Providers should complete their own attendance.
- Entry can be done daily, weekly, or monthly.





Key Attendance and Absence Reminders

- For enrollment-based attendance, use "AS SCHEDULED" when possible.
 - Absences should still be entered into CCFA.
 - School Age will require accurate attendance tracking in CCFA based on the placement.
- EEC will continue to pay for child care while the child has an active placement and follows EEC's attendance and payment policies.
- The family must continue to pay their parent fee for all days the child(ren) is absent.
- FAA instructions for absences and Approved Break in Care
 - Terminations on child's placement can be issued in the following circumstances
 - 30 <u>consecutive</u> unexplained absences, a two-week termination notice may be issued on the 31st day.
 - 45 non-attended days including unexplained absences, a two-week termination notice may be issued on the 46th day.
 - The Termination ONLY applies to the child's placement, NO CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE AUTHORIZATION.
 - EEC does not pay when there is an Approved Break In Care.
 - The placement must be terminated with Approved Break in Care as the reason.
- Absences related to DCF children
 - Ongoing communication with DCF Case worker when excessive absences occur.
 - If DCF child is terminated, a new referral will have to be issued.



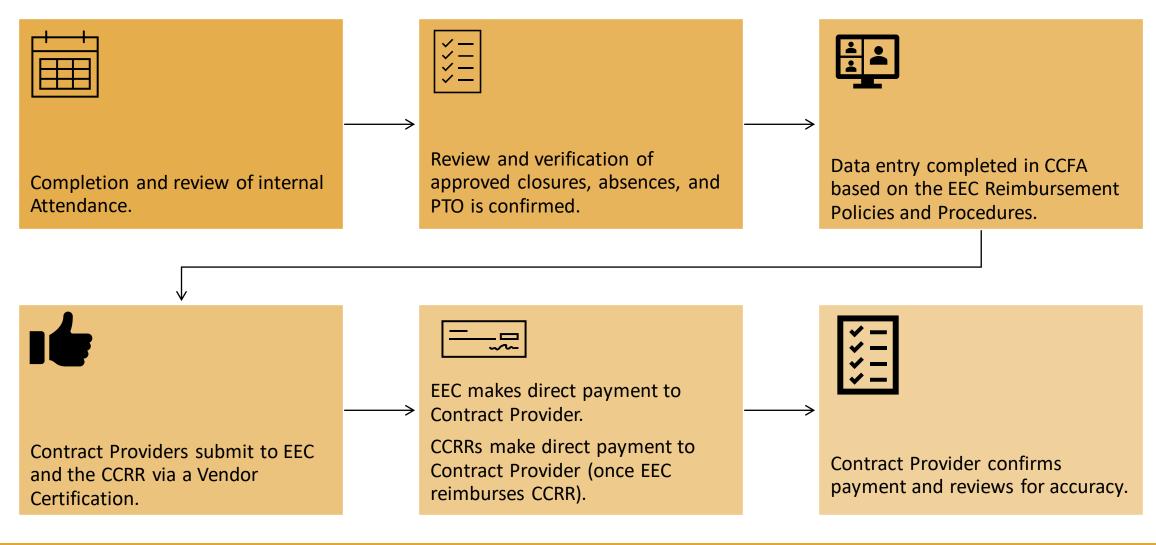


Reimbursement Based on Enrollment





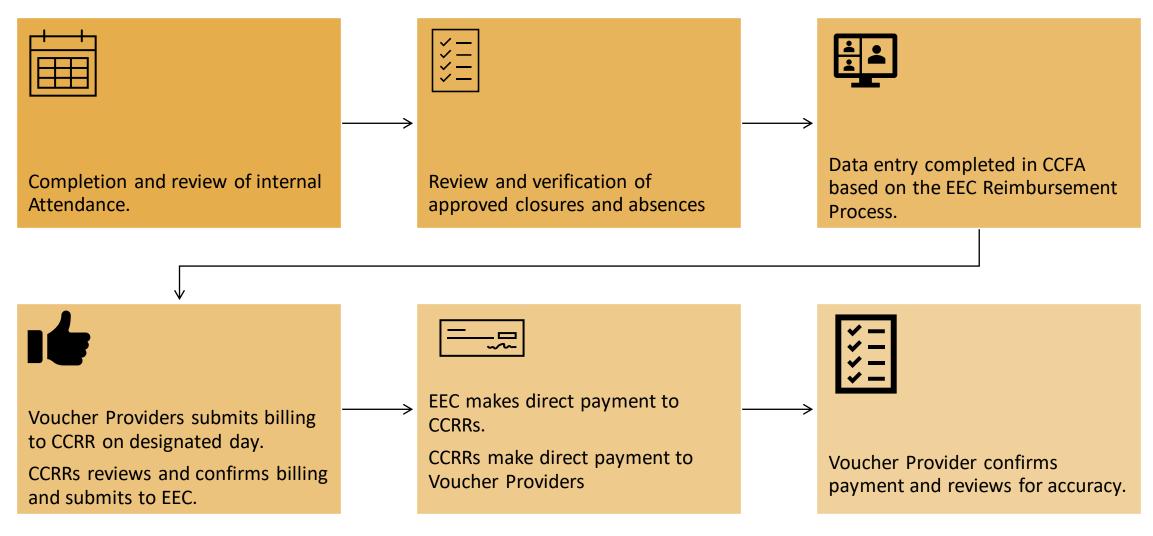
Reimbursement Process for Contract Providers







Reimbursement Process for Voucher Providers





Reimbursement Based on Enrollment Policy

Providers will be reimbursed up to the maximum daily reimbursement rate shown on the current rate chart as calculated for the region and type of care provided, based on family authorization and child(ren) schedule.

Full-Time Care

Reimbursement for child care services for families authorized for full-time care is paid based on the child's schedule. If child schedule is full time, reimbursement will be at 100% of the EEC daily rate.

School-Aged Child Care

Reimbursement for School Age Children: On days when school is in session, school age Children enrolled care shall only be reimbursed for Before and/or After School rates. School Age children in Family Child Care shall be reimbursed at the Part Day Rate.

Part-Time Care

Reimbursement for child care services for families authorized for part-time care is paid based on the child's schedule. If child schedule is daily part time, reimbursement will be at 60% of the EEC daily rate.

School Closure Only

Reimbursement for School Closure Only: On days when child attends the provider will be reimbursed.





Reimbursement Based on Enrollment Procedure

Providers will be reimbursed at the contracted (daily) rate, less required fees, for actual utilization, unless otherwise stated in EEC policy

Utilization: # number of enrolled slots multiplied by the number of service days in a given month

Service days include:

- enrolled days (present and absent)
- approved closure days
- approved holidays
- approved emergency closures
- Family child care systems must pay family child care providers who have an agreement with the system at a rate equal to or greater than the regional rate for Family Child Care based on the age of the child (less than or over 2 years old)
- A full-day rate is paid when the child is authorized and scheduled for full-time care
- 60% of the full-day rate is paid when the child is authorized and scheduled for part-time care.
 - Providers will be paid when school is in session for Before and/or After School rates. Family Child Care shall be paid at the Part Day Rate.





Paying Based on Enrollment for Early Education Providers: Key Reminders

Providers will bill based on the child's enrollment (the hours agreed upon between the parent and provider) including schedule changes.

If a child(ren) attends past the family's authorization end date, the family CANNOT be held financially responsible for this oversight UNLESS the family enters and signs a private pay agreement with the provider prior to the family's authorization ending. Providers may not enroll, and EEC will not pay for, financial assistance for a family before the beginning date indicated on the family's voucher or, if the child is in a contracted slot, before the beginning date indicated on the signed Financial Assistance and Fee Agreement.

EEC will not pay for child care services provided beyond the family's authorized end date, as indicated on the family's voucher or signed Financial Assistance and Fee Agreement, or for care provided contrary to EEC regulations and policies.





Paying Based on Enrollment for School Age: Key Reminders

- On days when school is in session, EEC will pay for before- and/or after-school rates or part day rates for family child care providers serving school age children.
 - EEC does not pay for school age child care services received during the school day, even if a school department provides remote or hybrid school.
- On days when school is not in session, EEC will pay providers full days rates for children with intermittent placements. This includes
 - Early Release days
 - School Vacation days and School Holidays (provider is open)
 - School Closure Days
 - Summer and Winter Breaks
 - Days that the early education and care provider was scheduled to provide full day care under one of the eligible categories above but had an Emergency Closure, pursuant to the Emergency Closure policy.
- A child attending public kindergarten is considered a school age child.
- Providers serving families with 5-year old children who are enrolled in preschool (instead of Kindergarten in the local school district) will be reimbursed at the preschool rate, less any parent fees.



Approved Closures

What's the Same

- EEC will pay for care during an approved closure. Approved closures are:
 - Holidays and professional development days
 - Emergency closures including Partial Paid Emergency Closure
- Emergency Closure Process
 - All Holidays and Professional Development Days must be submitted on the schedule approved by EEC on an annual basis.
 - Contracted Child Care Educators/Providers and FCC Systems submit the schedule to EEC.
 - Voucher Only Child Care Educators/Providers submit their schedule to the CCRR.
 - Payment for emergency closures is **limited to three consecutive days**, unless otherwise approved by EEC.
 - Contracted providers seeking approval of more than three consecutive days shall submit an approval request to <u>EECSubsidyManagement@mass.gov</u> for review by the Contracts Team.
 - Voucher-only providers seeking approval of more than three consecutive days shall submit an approval request to their CCRR. The CCRR will request approval from EEC on their behalf by emailing EECSubsidyManagement@mass.gov.
- Documentation must be maintained on file.
- Emergency Closure beyond three consecutive days without EEC approval may result in denial of reimbursement.
- EEC will pay parent fees for the duration of approved emergency closures.
- Emergency Closure reimbursement is not dependent on providers charging private pay families.

What's New

- New Closure type: Early Release/School Day Closure
 - Allows for School Age Child to be paid for the full day when there is an Early Release Day regardless of the number of hours.

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Early Release/School Day Closure Reimbursement

Allows for overlapping placements when SA child AS placement is 'regular placement' and attends FT hours due to early release in afternoon program. If child has BS placement at different provider, provider will be able to bill for BS.

The provider with the Intermittent placement, the parent pays the full-time parent fee. Allows for SA child to attend designated AS program full day when there is an early release day.

Provider is paid for Full day Parent pays the full-time parent fee.

Allows for SA child to attend designated AS program full day when there is an early release day. If child does not attend, child is not marked absent. Provider can enter closure code

> Provider is paid for Full day EEC pays parent fee



Enrollment Code Updates



Former Code	Former Attendance Type Description	New Enrollment Codes	New Attendance Type Description
A0	Attended - No Transportation	ENO	Enrolled - No Transportation
A1	Attended - 1-Way Transportation	EN1	Enrolled - One Way Transportation
A2	Attended - 2-Way Transportation	EN2	Enrolled - Two Way Transportation
IFO	Intermittent Full Time No Transportation	IENO	Enrolled Intermittent - No Transportation
IF1	Intermittent Full Time 1 Way Transportation	IEN1	Enrolled Intermittent - One Way Transportation
IF2	Intermittent Full Time 2 Way Transportation	IEN2	Enrolled Intermittent - Two Way Transportation
IP0	Intermittent Part Time No Transportation	IEP0	Additional will be added to accommodate PT intermittent.
IP1	Intermittent Part Time 1 Way Transportation	IEP1	
IP2	Intermittent Part Time 2 Way Transportation	IEP2	
IFF0	Intermittent Flexible Full Time No Transport	EFO	Enrolled Full Time - No Transportation
IFP0	Intermittent Flexible Part Time No Transport	EPO	Enrolled Part Time - No Transportation
IFF1	Intermittent Flexible Full-Time One-Way Transport	EF1	Enrolled Full Time - One Way Transportation
IFP1	Intermittent Flexible Part Time One Way Transport	EP1	Enrolled Part Time - One Way Transportation
IFF2	Intermittent Flexible Full-Time Two-Way Transport	EF2	Enrolled Full Time - Two Way Transportation
IFP2	Intermittent Flexible Part Time Two Way Transport	EP2	Enrolled Part Time - Two Way Transportation



Enrollment Code Updates



Former Code	Former Attendance Type Description	New Enrollment Codes	New Attendance Type Description
FA0	Flexible Attendance No Transport	ENO	Enrolled - No Transportation
FA1	Flexible Attendance One Way Transport	EN1	Enrolled - One Way Transportation
FA2	Flexible Attendance Two Way Transport	EN2	Enrolled - Two Way Transportation
FF0	Flexible Full Time No Transport	EFO	Enrolled Full Time - No Transportation
FF1	Flexible Full-Time One-Way Transport	EF1	Enrolled Full Time - One Way Transportation
FF2	Flexible Full-Time Two-Way Transport	EF2	Enrolled Full Time - Two Way Transportation
FP0	Flexible Part Time No Transport	EPO	Enrolled Part Time - No Transportation
FP1	Flexible Part Time One Way Transport	EP1	Enrolled Part Time - One Way Transportation
FP2	Flexible Part Time Two Way Transport	EP2	Enrolled Part Time - Two Way Transportation
FA0	Flexible Attendance No Transport	ENO	Enrolled - No Transportation
FA1	Flexible Attendance One Way Transport	EN1	Enrolled - One Way Transportation
FA2	Flexible Attendance Two Way Transport	EN2	Enrolled - Two Way Transportation
FF0	Flexible Full Time No Transport	EFO	Enrolled Full Time - No Transportation
FF1	Flexible Full-Time One-Way Transport	EF1	Enrolled Full Time - One Way Transportation
FF2	Flexible Full-Time Two-Way Transport	EF2	Enrolled Full Time - Two Way Transportation





Enrollment Codes (No changes)

CCFA Code	Attendance Type		Reimbursement Results	
PR	Provider Refused Service	No change		
RS	Parent Refused Service	No change	(Not Billable)	
CF0	Approved Closure (Full) No Transport	No change	payment based on schedule	
CF1	Approved Closure (Full) One Way Transport	No change	payment based on schedule	
CF2	Approved Closure (Full) Two Way Transport	No change	payment based on schedule	
СРО	Approved Closure (Part) No Transport	No change	payment based on schedule	
CP1	Approved Closure (Part) One Way Transport	No change	payment based on schedule	
CP2	Approved Closure (Part) Two Way Transport	No change	payment based on schedule	
ICO	Intermittent Closure No Transport	No change	allows for PS or SA child to be in care full day, payment is not based on schedule if authorized for FT	
IC1	Intermittent Closure One Way Transport	No change	allows for PS or SA child to be in care full day, payment is not based on schedule if authorized for FT	
IC2	Intermittent Closure Two Way Transport	No change	allows for PS or SA child to be in care full day, payment is not based on schedule if authorized for FT	





Substitute Care Reimbursement Reminder:

- EEC will only provide payment to one provider at a time. Families cannot hold enrollment at one early education and care provider while the child attends another early education and care provider.
- EEC will not provide payment for a child to receive early education and care services with two providers for an overlapping period of time.
- If a family's provider is unavailable to provide care and substitute care is provided, payment is made only to the substitute provider.
 - Substitute care must occur within the same umbrella organization or Family Child Care System, program type, schedule, and region as the primary early education and care provider.
 - Center-based early education and care providers may close one location and offer substitute care at another location, but EEC will only provide payment once since both locations would be under the same umbrella.
- EEC may pay both the primary and substitute providers in the following circumstances
 - **Paid Time Off (PTO):** Family Child Care (FCC) Providers may take Paid Time Off (PTO) days in accordance with the Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy for Financial Assistance FCC Providers.
 - EEC will provide payment for both the PTO day and for any substitute care provided on that day.
 - **Emergency Closures**: EEC will provide payment for both the primary and substitute early education and care provider during Emergency Closures, so long as substitute care meets the additional requirements detailed for substitute care.
 - Partial Emergency Closures, such as for a single classroom that is part of the larger program, are not eligible for substitute care.
 - Center-based early education and care providers who close one location and offer substitute care at another location
 may use Substitute Care Module, but EEC will only provide payment once since both locations would be under the
 same umbrella.





Reimbursement During Investigations: FCC Providers

- When an allegation, incident, injury, or criminal charge involving an EEC licensed Family Child Care (FCC) Program requires an investigation by EEC and/or other state agencies, EEC may request that the FCC Provider voluntarily put the program license into inactive status, pending the outcome of any associated investigation(s).
- EEC will only be requesting that an FCC provider go into inactive status in the most serious cases.
 - FCC providers with an inactive status pending investigation are not eligible to receive financial assistance reimbursement payments during pending investigations. This includes any grant payments.
- The issuance of an Emergency Suspension, Revocation, or Refusal to Renew legal order to the FCC Provider, or the voluntary surrender of the license by the FCC Provider, will immediately cease any further reimbursement payments to the FCC provider past the date of the legal order or voluntary surrender.
- EEC reserves the right to recoup payment in the event that reimbursement was prepaid.

If a program appears to be facing financial or administrative challenges, Family Access Administrators must report concerns promptly to the Deputy Commissioner for Family Access and Engagement.





Offering Discounts and scholarships

- EEC will not be enforcing the requirement* that early education and care provider charge private families a rate equal to or higher than the state subsidized rate.
 - Tuition Rates should be published in provider handbook.
- Early education and care providers will have flexibility in the charging of private pay families and allows the offering of discounts (including employee discounts), tuition waivers, etc., without requiring restricted revenue to cover the differential cost of care.
 - Ensure policies surrounding discounts and scholarships are clear and published.

*Price Limitation Law (CMR 801)





Issuing Payments: Contract Provider Process

Contracted early education and care must utilize EEC's Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA) System to complete and submit billing for services rendered.

For the Payment Vouchers that are not generated from CCFA (i.e special needs, 3rd trimester and CCRR management billing), please scan your Payment Voucher(s) (no hard copy is required) with attached back-up to EEC's designated Accounting Unit mailbox at: EECPaymentVoucherSubmission@mass.gov

1. Enrollment for the prior month is entered and Payment Voucher is generated.

2. **Vendor** Certification confirms billing submission 3. Billing Submission must be received by EEC by 9am on the 21st (if no vouchers). 4. Payments are processed within 10-15 days of Vendor Certification.

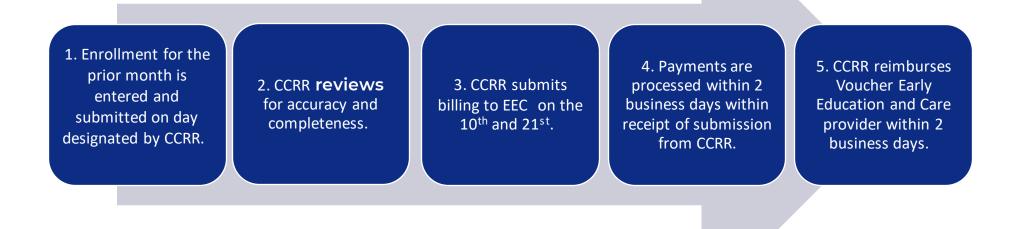




Issuing Payments: Voucher Provider Process

All voucher early education and care providers must utilize EEC's Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA) System to complete and submit monthly billing for prior month's services.

All voucher billing is reviewed and approved by the voucher child care educator's/provider's CCRR.







IE Flex Pool and Supportive Expansion

EEC Contract Providers continue to have access to the Income Eligible Flex Pool and DCF Expansion.

- Prior to the pandemic, there was a 5% cap on the flex pool
- The pandemic allowed for the cap to be lifted to help boost enrollment
- Now, providers can add unlimited contracted slots within their licensed capacity as long as they align with the age requirements of their current contract
- Flex pool and Supportive Expansion can only be used for IE and DCF placements
- Flex pool and Expansion gives the provider flexibility and promotes continuity of care for children (e.g., if a child ages out, provider can use flex pool until a permanent slot becomes available)





Special Needs Flexible Spending

- The program is for temporary funding to support a child with special needs with staff training, equipment or the cost of hiring a one-on-one aid
- Programs are responsible for applying for Special Needs Flexible funding, send completed application to EECSubsidyManagement@mass.gov
- Billing for approved Special Needs services and 3rd Trimester services are not generated by CCFA and do not produce a PV.
- For these two services, providers are required to complete a PV and scan the PV including the required back-up documentation, to EEC's designated Accounting Unit mailbox at:
 - <u>EECPaymentVoucherSubmission@mass.gov</u>
 - No hard copies are required.





Denial of Reimbursement or Payment Holds

EEC may deny reimbursement of child care services when:

- The care provided does not meet EEC health and safety standards; and/or
- The early education and care provider fails to follow EEC regulations, policies, procedures, or contract requirements.
- EEC may hold reimbursement of child care services when:
 - Completion of any audit related adjustments; or
 - Sanctions issued by MA Operations Service Division (OSD); or
 - Non submission of required Contract documents by the designated deadline.





Key Takeaways

- Enrolled and Attending!!
 - Child is authorized, placed, attending, and meets the criteria for monthly reimbursement.
- Communication with the family is critical when it comes to the schedule they need for care.
- Family Access Administrators must pay close attention to School Age attendance code to ensure complete and accurate billing.
- Family Access Administrators will be informed as to when the CCFA System will be updated with new attendance codes.
 - Additional trainings will be held on processes within the CCFA system.
- Ensure to pay close attention to all designated deadlines set by EEC.





We will return from break at 11:12!





Deep Dive: Self Employment



Self-Employment Policy



Previous Self Employment income and service need requirements:

- Initial Authorizations
 - Three (3) Months of Reporting Earnings Form
 - Federal Taxes
 - Tax Transcripts
 - Receipts documenting income and Expenses
- Reauthorization
 - Federal Taxes
 - Tax Transcripts

Reduction of documentation requirements:

- Only <u>one</u> of the following is needed for income and service need at Initial and/or Reauthorization
 - One (1) Month of Reporting Earnings Form; or
 - Paystubs;
 - Tax Documentation; or
 - Service Contract



Identifying Self-Employment

Types of Self-Employment

An individual is self-employed if he/she:

- Earns income directly from his/her own business;
- Is responsible for obtaining or providing a service or product;
- Cannot be discharged from their employment by someone else;
- Is not required to have federal income tax, Social Security tax, and Medicare tax payments withheld from their earnings; or
- Is not required to complete an IRS W-4 form for an employer.

Most common Types of Self-Employment:

- Ride Share/Delivery: Uber, Lyft, Door Dash,
- Social Media Influences/Creators,
- Independent contractors

Other Examples:

- Sole proprietorship
- Partnerships
- Corporation
- S-Corporations





Documentation Requirements: Step 1

Establishing Self-Employment

To verify the self-employment business, families must submit business records that verifies their self-employment business.

Copies of business records, such as:

- Registration with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue;
- Doing Business As (DBA) certificate;
- Required licenses;
- Certificate of incorporation; or
- Other documentation verifying the business
 - Tax Registration certificate from the city where the Parent lives.
 - Proof of Estimated quarterly taxes paid.
 - Bank Statement showing Business Checking Account.
 - Documentation from US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) showing business name.



Completing the Earnings Worksheet: Step 2

- 1. Top section of the Worksheet must be fully complete:
 - a. Primary Parent's name.
 - b. Name of self-employed family member if not the primary parent
 - c. The month and year income was earned.
- 2. Section A: Enter total gross income or sales (including tips).
 - a. Supporting documentation is not required.
- **3.** Section B: Enter applicable and allowable monthly business expenses.
 - a. Refer to Allowable Expenses definitions.
 - b. Supporting documentation is not required.
- **4. Section C:** Total the expenses and deduct that amount from the gross receipts (Section A). This is the Family's *Net Monthly Business Income*

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Monthly Business Expenses			
1. Advertising	\$	11. Office Expenses	\$
2. Automobile Expenses:	\$	12. Pension or Profit-Sharing Plan (for employees)	\$
3. Commissions and Fees	\$	13. Repairs and Maintenance	\$
4. Cost of goods sold	\$	14. Rent for Leased Vehicles, Machinery, or Equipment	\$
5 Contract Labor	\$	15. Rent for Other Business Property (e.g. office space)	\$
 Employee Benefit Programs (e.g., health, accident, life insurance and dependent care assistance program) 	\$	16. Supplies	\$
7. Insurance (e.g. commercial liability, fire insurance, etc.)	\$	17. Taxes and Licenses	\$
8. Interest paid on mortgage owed banks	\$	18. Transportation	\$
 Other interest payment (specify) 	\$	19. Utilities	\$
10. Legal and Professional Services	\$	20. Wages and Salaries for Employee/s	\$

B. Total Monthly Business Expenses

C. Net Monthly Business Income

Subtract line B from line A) \$

(Add together lines 1 through 19) \$



Process for Determining Income: Step 3

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- If parent provides 1 month of income, the service need calculation will be the Net Monthly Income divided by 4.33.
 - a. That amount is then divided by the minimum wage (see section for minimum wage information) to get the hours per week.
- 2. If the parent meets the minimum activity requirements, a 12-month authorization is issued.
- If the parent does not meet the minimum activity requirements, a Provisional Authorization is issued so the parent can obtain an allowable activity.

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Monthly Business Expenses		
1. Advertising	\$	11. Office Expenses
2. Automobile Expenses:	\$	12. Pension or Profit-Sharing Plan (employees)
3. Commissions and Fees	\$	13. Repairs and Maintenance

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B. Total Monthly Business Expenses	(Add together lines 1 through 19) \$
C. Net Monthly Business Income	Subtract line B from line A) \$





Process for Determining Income and Service Need hours: Step 4

Example #1: Using the Self Employment Reporting Earning Form

EXAMPLE A:

Parent provides Self-Employment Earnings Worksheets for the prior 1 months which includes deductions. When calculating income and service need hours minus the allowable expenses.

(Family size for this example is 2).

\$5,540.99 gross income for March minus \$1,580 in allowable expenses = \$3,960.99(Net Monthly Business Income) \$3,960.00 / 4.33 = \$914.55/ \$15.00 (2023 Minimum wage) = 60 hours per week ELIGIBLE for full time care.

EXAMPLE B:

At initial authorization, parent provides Self-Employment Earnings Worksheets for the prior 1 month which includes no deductions. (Family size for this example is 2).

\$4,500 for March (Net Monthly Business Income) = Income is over the 50% SMI, therefore

Family is INELIGIBLE.



Determine income and service need using taxes

Copies of most recent federal tax returns, including all applicable schedules. These forms and schedules include, but not limited to:

- 1040: U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- Schedule C: Profit or Loss from Business
- Schedule E: Supplemental income and Loss

General procedures for calculating self-employment income when a parent provides a Federal return or Tax Transcript as verification:

1. Identify the gross profit and net profit reported on the appropriate schedule.

2. Review the deductions claimed by the parent to determine if the deductions are allowable.

3. If there are deductions that are not allowable, add the amount of those deductions to the net profit. This includes deductions not allowable in accordance with the self-employment expenses.

4. The net profit, plus the amount of any non-allowable deductions, will equal the parent's self-employment income which will be used to determine both eligibility and the number of hours of care.

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Process for Determining Income using Taxes

Example #2: Using Tax Documentation

EXAMPLE A:

Parent provides 1040: U.S. Individual Income Tax Return that includes the Schedule C, Profit or Loss from Business information.

When calculating income and service need hours, Part I, Gross Income is reviewed, and Part II Expenses is reviewed for allowable expenses.

(Family size for this example is 3).

\$23,573 gross income minus \$0.00 in allowable expenses = **\$23,573** (Net Yearly Business Income)

\$23,573/ 52= \$453.32/ \$15.00 (2023 Minimum wage) = **30** hours per week

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Process for Determining Income using Statements

Example #3: RideShare/Delivery Statements

EXAMPLE A: Family submitted one month of their Uber Pay statement. This statement contains the Gross Payment, Expenses, Fees, and Taxes, and the Net Payout.

When calculating income and service need, the net payout can be used to determine income. (Assumption is the expenses, fees, and taxes are allowable deductions).

(Family size is 5)

\$6,065.59/4.33= \$1,400.83 (Weekly income)

\$1,400.83/\$15 (MA State Minimum Wage)= 93 hours per week.

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Process for Determining Income using a Service Contract

EXAMPLE A: Family submitted a Service Contract Form from Comm of MA. This contract contains parent's information as the contractor, the services being provided, the total amount the parent will be paid and the terms of service.

When calculating income and service need, the Maximum Obligation can be used to determine income. However, the effective start and end date must be reviewed.

(Family size is 3)

\$30,000/14 (weeks)= \$2,142.85 (Weekly income) \$2,142.85/\$15 (MA State Minimum Wage)= 142 hours per week.

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Additional Self-Employment Income Examples



• Paystubs

- Families who own a corporation can be paid by that corporation through paystubs.
 - Paystubs must include the following:
 - Deduction of State and Federal taxes
 - Hours work for the time period
 - FAA will use the allowable number of paystubs and income calculation.
- Other applicable documentation
 - Families can provide other sources of documentation that reflects the services being provided.
 - Example: 1099 Employee
 - Documentation must include:
 - Name of the parent and service or vendor
 - Payment time period
 - Hours worked or total pay.

*If the documents do not contain enough information to service income or service need, FAA can have families complete the Reporting Earnings Form.

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When to issue a provisional authorization:

If a self-employed family provides a reported earnings form or any other allowable documentation that includes:

➢Income for less than 1 month,

≻no income or

>does not equate to enough activity hours

the Family Access Administrator can issue a provisional authorization.

At initial authorization, parent provides Self-Employment Earnings Worksheets for the current month as the parent just started working. Worksheet includes no deductions. . (Family size for this example is 4).

\$1,000 gross income for March minus \$0.00 in allowable expenses = \$1,000(Net Monthly Business Income)

\$1,000 / 4.33 = \$230.95/ \$15.00 (2023 Minimum wage) = **15 hours per week**

Parent does not meet the requirements for a 12-month Authorization; a 12-week provisional authorization can be granted.





Bringing the Process to Life and Key Takeaways

- New Self Employment policies and procedures provide flexibility for Self-employed families
 - Simplifies the process for Family Access Administrators.
- CCFA functionality is currently up to date with adding only one (1) month of income for self-employed families.

Family Access Administrators can move forward with the new selfemployment process.





Deep Dive: Transportation





Transportation Compliance – Key Regulations

- Registry of Motor Vehicle (RMV) compliance for drivers and vehicles
 - Driver license, 7D/School Bus driver certificate
 - Vehicle registration, insurance, annual vehicle inspection, 7D/School Bus inspection
 - Records available even if subcontracted transportation service
- EEC Background Record Check
 - RMV or other background checks not sufficient
- EEC training
 - Annual StrongStart Transporting Children
 - First Aid/CPR
 - Policies and Regulations



Types of Transportation

Operated by the Provider Provider employs the drivers using owned/leased RMV approved 7D/School Bus vehicles

Has a contract to one or more transportation companies; drivers are not employees RMV approved 7D/School Bus vehicles Operated through a subcontract

Provided through Public Transportation

Charlie Card/Pass program offered through a Regional Transit Authority





Transportation Policy: Key Updates

- In the new Child Care Financial Assistance Procedures is a section Managing Transportation Services that incorporates the previous Appendix E Transportation expectations
- Regular travel time to increase to 60 minutes per trip
- Transportation addendum remains
- Priority Populations transportation requirement remains waived
- Alternative transportation supports remains
- Charlie Card/Pass option
- EEC Transportation Policy on attendance, post-trip inspection and parent notification remains





Transportation Billing

- Transportation billing should correspond to Transportation Passenger Log and classroom attendance sheet
- Transportation will be reimbursed the approved rates whenever the provider incurs a transportation expense for subsidized children.
 - Must be authorized to receive reimbursements
 - Incurred costs is when costs have already been spent to transport the child

Transportation Reimbursement Rates: \$12.00 One Way, \$18.00 Two Way

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Preparing for a Transportation Compliance Review

Required documents for monitoring visit:

- Based on sample list of children billed for a specific service month
 - Parent need forms for each child
 - Passenger logs
 - Attendance records
 - DCF Referrals indicating "transportation needed" (need can change anything throughout authorization period).
- Transportation Plan and Transportation Oversight Plan
- Driver and Monitor files with all required documentation for both review month and current (as of the review date).
- Required documents for all vehicles used for Transportation for both review month and current (as of the review date).
- Contracts with all Transportation companies utilized.
- Transportation Billing Procedures





Key Reminders

Additional Information

 Go to EEC webpage: <u>Transportation of children in early</u> <u>childhood programs | Mass.gov</u>

Transportation incident reporting

 Contract Providers and Family Child Care Systems notify EEC Regional Office and/or Transportation Compliance Monitor





Summary

- Defined the Enrollment-Based attendance with new CCFA attendance codes (Coming Soon!).
 - Clarified practices that ensures complete and accurate attendance based on family's placement and schedule.
- Discussed the updates to the Self-Employment procedures which includes minimizing documentation requirements and how to determine income and service need.
- Offered key reminders on Transportation Compliance policy and procedures.



EEC Reform Training Program Overview – What to Expect



To complete the EEC Reform Training Program, you will need to attend all four courses:



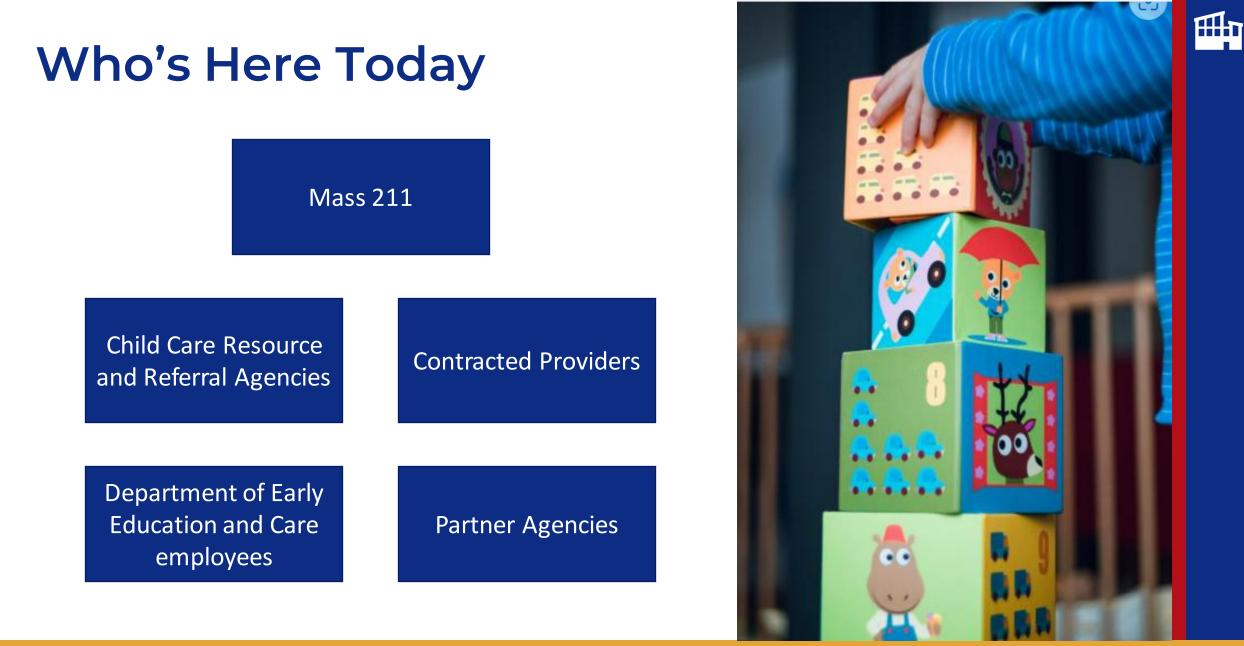




THANK YOU

For your time today and your ongoing commitment to the children and families of the Commonwealth!









We will be back from break at 10:55am!

