

## CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENTS

On October 1, 2017, the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) fully implemented the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) regulation changes in 7 AAC 41 along with revised policies and procedures to meet requirements of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

The changes include revisions for authorizing care for children and payments to providers to help ensure continuity of care for CCAP participating children and improve the quality of care for all children in child care settings.

Based on these revisions, payment is now made primarily as a full month or part month based on the care authorized and the child's actual attendance. You may experience situations where you receive more CCAP funding than you expected and/or more than you actually charged the family for the services provided. These are not considered an overpayment of CCAP and are not to be repaid to the Program, nor are they to be paid to the family for whom you have received CCAP payment on their behalf. Families are still required by the CCAP to pay their monthly co-pay to their child care provider each month. These changes may, however, require you to make changes within your program to handle the funds received on behalf of CCAP participating families.

The CCPO hopes any funds you receive on behalf of CCAP participating families which is more than you have charged the family is utilized in ways to improve the quality within your program and/or help families gain access. Some suggested uses are:

1. Increase staff wages
2. Hire additional staff
3. Pay for staff professional development
4. Develop specialized programs for infants and toddlers
5. Create scholarships to help families access your program
6. Replace equipment
7. Purchase curriculum

Thank you for your services for the children of Alaska.