



**Due to significant projected FY16 funding shortfalls, the Department is reducing Child Care Assistance Program benefits to ensure the continued sustainability of CCAP despite the limited available financial resources projected for FY16.**

**PRIORITY ELIGIBILITY AND INCOME GUIDELINES**

Effective July 1, 2015, the Department is imposing priority eligibility guidelines to all new Applications. A new Application is defined as a request for child care assistance for a family that has not had eligibility within the last 30 days. To initially qualify for the program after July 1 an applicant must be a:

- 1) Recipient of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or a
- 2) Teen parent enrolled full-time in elementary or high school or GED classes to obtain a high school degree or its equivalent, or a
- 3) Family with a Special Needs child(ren), or a
- 4) Working family whose monthly income does not exceed 50% of the most current Federal Poverty Level for their family size (See “New Case” monthly income levels below).

New applicants that do not fall into one of the above groups will be issued a Notice of Denial. IDHS will notify all families denied for this reason once the program returns to its regular policies so new applications can be submitted.

Cases being redetermined will continue to be eligible as long as they are within the income levels set for redeterminations (see “Redetermination” monthly income levels below) and all other eligibility factors are met. If inactive for 30 days or more, all new guidelines apply.

Family Size	New Case	Redetermination
2	\$ 664	\$2,456
3	\$ 838	\$3,098
4	\$1,011	\$3,739
5	\$1,184	\$4,380
6	\$1,358	\$5,022
7	\$1,531	\$5,663
8	\$1,704	\$6,304
9	\$1,878	\$6,946
10	\$2,051	\$7,587

**PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Within six months of initial child care assistance eligibility, an eligible family with an absent parent must have an active collection case with the Division of Child Support Services at the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. A case must be opened against the absent parent of every child within the family’s household.

If a family does not comply with this requirement within the given time frame, the child care case will be canceled.

**PARENT CO-PAYMENT AMOUNTS ARE INCREASING**

Monthly co-payments are increasing as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Refer to the chart to determine what your new copayment will be.

❖ For cases already approved, your copayment will remain the same until your case is redetermined.

Current Co-Pay	Co-Pay Effective 7-1-2015	Current Co-Pay	Co-Pay Effective 7-1-2015	Current Co-Pay	Co-Pay Effective 7-1-2015	Current Co-Pay	Co-Pay Effective 7-1-2015
Family Size 2	Family Size 2	Family Size 3	Family Size 3	Family Size 4	Family Size 4	Family Size 5	Family Size 5
Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay	Monthly Co-Pay
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
9	11	12	14	15	17	16	20
16	17	20	22	22	27	27	31
23	27	29	34	35	42	42	49
33	39	42	49	50	59	58	70
45	53	56	67	68	80	80	94
57	68	73	86	87	104	103	122
73	86	91	108	109	131	129	153
88	105	111	133	135	160	158	188
107	127	135	160	162	193	190	226
126	150	159	189	192	228	223	267
146	175	185	221	222	266	261	312
168	202	213	255	256	308	302	360
192	231	244	291	294	352	344	412
212	250	267	315	321	380	376	445

**Provider Background Checks**

As a condition of eligibility to receive a State subsidy for providing child care services to eligible families, all license exempt child care providers shall comply with all required background checks. Providers will be sent a form and information, as needed, once the application is submitted.

- The background checks that apply are below.

Type of Provider	Criminal Background Check	Illinois Sex Offender Registry Check	Child Abuse and Neglect Check
License-Exempt Center	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Non Relative Provider in Provider’s Home</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Household Members Age 18+	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Household Members Age 13-17	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Relative in Provider’s Home</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Household Members Age 18+	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Household Members Age 13-17	No	Yes	Yes
Non-Relative in Child’s Home	Yes	Yes	Yes
Relative in Child’s Home	Yes	Yes	Yes