

Quality Supports for Child Care Subsidy License Exempt Providers Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the timeline for the Quality Supports for License Exempt Providers payment?

The Quality Supports for License Exempt Providers payments will be disbursed to programs within 7 to 8 weeks of the mailing of the notification letter.

2. What are the eligibility requirements of the Quality Supports for License Exempt Providers payment?

The Quality Support payment is available to License Exempt and In-Home Child Care providers enrolled with Child Care Subsidy.

3. How do I receive the Quality Supports for License Exempt Providers payment? Do I need to apply?

All eligible License Exempt and In-Home child care providers will receive a check in the mail at the mailing address associated with their Child Care Subsidy Agreement within 7 to 8 weeks of the mailing of the notification letter. There is no application process.

4. What should I do if I do not want to receive the funding?

If you wish not to receive these funds, please notify your assigned Resource Developer that you wish to return your check. Checks may be returned to:

DHHS
c/o Child Care Subsidy
PO Box 95026
Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

Returned checks will be tracked to ensure they are received. Checks must be returned no more than 2 weeks after receipt or the funds will be treated as accepted.

5. How am I allowed to use the funds I receive for my program?

These funds are intended to support quality enhancement for your child care program. Examples of quality items that could be purchased with these funds include the following: children's books, toys, indoor play equipment, outdoor play equipment, safety equipment (e.g., fire extinguisher, fire alarm, carbon monoxide detector, first aid kit, etc.), adaptive equipment and assistive technology for children with special needs, sensory toys, provider training, workshops or conferences, technology for tracking attendance. If additional assistance is needed in determining if an item will add quality to your program, please visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Grants.aspx> or contact DHHS.ccsubsidy@nebraska.gov.

6. Are there items I am not allowed to purchase with these funds?

Purchase of real property or property improvements (e.g., air conditioning units, humidifiers, windows), construction, property repairs, paying for administrative costs, nonessential equipment, or consumable/disposable supplies. For a list of non-allowable expenditures, please visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Grants.aspx>.

7. Will I be able to apply for additional grants under this program in the future?

No. This is a one-time payment.

8. Do I need to track the way I spend this funding?

Yes. Providers should keep receipts and other documentation of any purchases made with the funds because a provider may be selected for an audit in the future. Please plan to keep your records for 3 years, even if your program closes.

9. As a recipient of the Quality Supports payment, how long is my obligation to remain open?

Programs are required to remain open and operational for a minimum of 12 months from the issue date of the quality support payment. Programs must be open at the time of funding.

10. I have read the FAQ in its entirety, but I have additional questions regarding the Quality Supports for License Exempt Providers program. What is the best way to get questions answered?

Still have questions? Email DHHS.ccsubsidy@nebraska.gov with your name, phone number, license number (if applicable) and question(s).