

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver Providers of Child Care for Children with Disabilities

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RE: Child Care for Children with Disabilities (CCCD)

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care, is correcting payment methodology for Aged and Disabled Waiver CCCD service. Current regulation provides that CCCD rates are negotiated based upon the child's needs; that is not changing. Pursuant to 471 NAC 1-002.02A, Medicaid can only cover services that are medically necessary. Medicaid cannot cover costs associated with routine child care.

Therefore, effective October 1, 2013, the cost of routine child care for any child age 12 or younger will be the responsibility of the parent(s) or primary caregiver of the waiver-eligible child.

The cost of routine care is based on the most recent Child Care Market Rate Survey and published in the DHHS Child Care Subsidy Program's Provider Rate charts. Routine costs are shown by provider type, county, child age, and unit of service. These charts are located in the Nebraska Administrative Code appendix 392-000-203. The cost of routine child care is subtracted from the provider's current waiver CCCD rate.

Providers will continue to use billing document DHHS-5N and submit claims as usual. The only difference is that providers must enter routine child care costs in the "Customer Obligation" column and subtract that amount from the total to show the medically-necessary costs in the "DHHS Charge" column. Authorized CCCD providers will receive a revised child-specific Authorization which shows the appropriate routine and medically-necessary amounts. Collection and payment of the cost of routine child care is handled between the provider and the parent/primary caregiver.

Please direct questions about this change to local Aged and Disabled Waiver staff or contact Pattie Flury at (402) 471-9195 or [pattie.flury@nebraska.gov](mailto:pattie.flury@nebraska.gov).