# **Provider Information Session**

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Children and Family Services (DHHS)

# **Child Care Subsidy Rate Structure Changes**



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#### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Division of Children and Family Services is to provide the least disruptive services when needed, for only as long as needed to give children the opportunity to succeed as adults, help the elderly and disabled live with dignity and respect and help families care for themselves. Our mission will result in healthier families and safer, more prosperous communities.



#### **How to Learn More and Ask Questions**

Explore the DHHS Website: <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Providers.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Providers.aspx</a>

To ask us a question at the end of the presentation, you can use the chat function, or we can also unmute you to ask your question.



# Why are these changes occurring?

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 reauthorized the law governing the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program.

Changes made with this reauthorization focused on strengthening child care to better support the success of both parents and children as well as an emphasis on the importance of high-quality child care.



### Why are these changes occurring?

Currently, child care providers bill hourly increments up to 5.75 hours. If the child's attendance exceeds 5.75 hours but is less than 10 hours, a day unit must be billed. If the child attends over 10 hours then the provider would bill one day unit and any subsequent hourly units.

0 - 5.75 hours = # of hours 6 - 10 hours = 1 day Over 10 hours = 1 day + # of hours over 10

Frequency	Units	Rate	Total Charge	Customer Obligation	DHHS Charge
(HR)	36	\$2.25	\$81.00	\$0.00	\$81.00
(DY)	10	\$13.50	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00

- > Providers can bill up to 5 absent days per child, per month. Absent days should be documented as an A on attendance calendars.
- ➤ Note: The rates above do not reflect current rates. A link to the rates is located on slide 11.



### Rate Structure Changes

- **Beginning July 1**st, Child Care providers participating in the DHHS Child Care Subsidy Program will no longer bill Hour and Day units.
- Hour Units will be replaced with Partial Day Units and Day Units will be replaced with Full Day Units.
- Any time a child attends up to 4 hours and 59 minutes providers will now bill 1 Partial Day Unit.
- Any time a child attends between 5 to 9 hours and 59 minutes providers will now bill 1 Full Day Unit.
- Any time a child attends **between 10 hours up to the maximum of 18 hours** in one day, providers will **now** bill **1 Full Day Unit <u>AND</u> 1 Partial Day Unit**.

Partial Day	Up to 4 hours, 59 minutes	
Full Day	5 hours – 9 hours, 59 minutes	
Partial Day + Full Day	10 hours – 18 hours	



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- For school aged children attending both before and after school programs, units will be billed cumulatively.
  - Examples:
    - If a child attends 2 hours before school and 2 hours after school
      - This is a total of 4 hours for the day which would be billed as 1 Partial Day Unit.
    - If a child attends 2 hours before school and 3 hours after school
      - This is a total of 5 hours for the day which would be billed as 1 Full Day Unit.
    - If a child attends 2 hours before school with *Provider A* and 2 hours after school with *Provider B*, each provider will bill 1 Partial Day Unit.

Attendance per Day	Units Billed	
Up to 4 hours	1 Partial Day Unit (PD)	
Over 5 hours	1 Full Day Unit (DY)	



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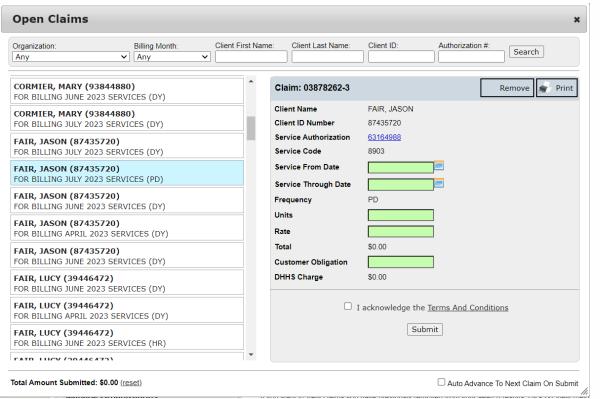
- For infants, toddlers and preschoolers billing will be based on the number of hours the child attends in a day.
  - Examples:
    - If a child attends 4 hours in a day, the provider will bill 1 Partial Day Unit.
    - If a child attends 8 hours in a day, the provider will bill 1 Full Day Unit.
    - If a child attends 12 hours in a day, the provider will bill 1 Full Day Unit AND 1 Partial Day Unit.
- Overnight care will still be billed as a "period of care".

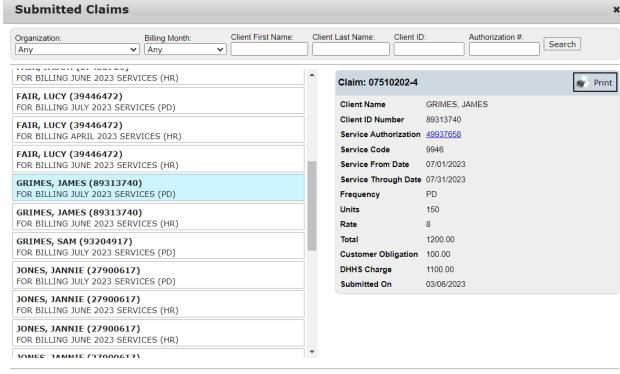
Attendance per Day	Units Billed	
4 hours	1 Partial Day (PD)	
8 hours	1 Full Day (DY)	
12 hours	1 Partial Day (PD) + 1 Full Day (DY)	



# Online Child Care Subsidy Billing Portal

Billing in the Online Child Care Subsidy Billing Portal will be simplified with these changes.

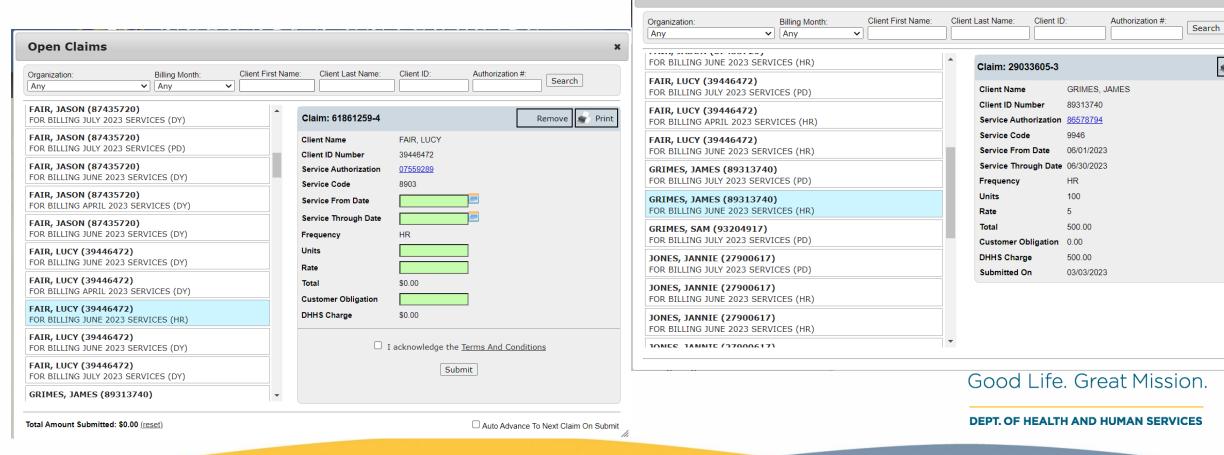




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**Submitted Claims** 

#### **Contact Information**

- Visit the DHHS Website: <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Providers.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Providers.aspx</a>
- Child Care Subsidy Rates: <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Providers.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Providers.aspx</a>
- Review the FAQs
- > Send an E-mail: <a href="mailto:DHHS.CCSubsidy@nebraska.gov">DHHS.CCSubsidy@nebraska.gov</a>





