

CHILD CARE CORNER

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What is a Family Fee?

A Family Fee is the portion of reimbursement parents are responsible for and pay directly to their provider. It is based on family size and monthly gross income and is attached to the family's child who is certified to have the most hours of care per month.

Failure to pay and submit a family fee receipt with the request for reimbursement results in the denial of the request(s) for reimbursement and the discontinuance of the Child Care case.

Families who are certified for child care services based on a fixed Need schedule, and are using a licensed child care provider are responsible for the applicable family fee based on the certified need. The Child Care certificate and/or notice of action will reflect the certified days and hours of care parents are authorized to use child care services, and assists parents in determining whether to pay their provider a full-time and/or part-time family fee. The family fee should not be adjusted because of less or non-use of child care services due to excused or unexcused absence or provider closure due to provider holiday or vacation. Parents are still responsible to pay their provider a family fee for those days if those days fall on a regularly scheduled/certified day.

Families who are certified for child care services based on a variable Need schedule, and are using a licensed child care provider are responsible for the applicable family fee based on the actual use of care, and other days charged by the provider which may include excused or unexcused absences or provider closure due to provider holiday or vacation. If a parent is certified to use child care services based on a variable Need schedule, the Child Care certificate will not reflect a schedule but will have the Variable box checked. Parents must make sure that child care services are used only during actual participation in employment or approved activity.

Families who are certified for child care services based either on a fixed or variable Need schedule, and are using a license-exempt child care provider are responsible for the applicable family fee based on the actual use of care. If a parent is certified to use child care services based on a fixed Need schedule, the Child Care certificate will reflect the days and hours the parent is authorized to use child care services. If a parent is certified to use child care services based on a variable Need schedule, the Child Care certificate will not reflect a schedule but will have the Variable box checked. Parents must make sure that child care services are used only during actual participation in employment or approved activity.