Child Care Emergency Operating Grant (CEOG)
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General Principle: Help sustain financial viability of childcare operators through this emergency and recovery.

In order to help child care providers cover some of the extra costs of operating that will come with the modified operating practices, and to help sustain the child care industry through this period of disruption, the state of North Dakota will be offering emergency operating grants to child care providers. This grant will be available to all child care providers licensed by the State of North Dakota.

- All child care providers who are licensed by the State of North Dakota (DHS) or have a Self-Declaration Certification, and who are open and providing service, will be eligible to receive the CEOG.
- The payment will be established based on facility type and licensed capacity, as noted in state licensing systems.
- Each provider who opts-in to the CEOG must agree to:
  - Verify base service information via the provider portal prior to grant distribution (e.g. enrollment numbers, services provided to health/safety/lifeline worker households).
- To prepare to receive payment, a provider needs to:
  - Make sure you have an active provider account in the provider portal.
  - Complete the baseline facility survey (located in the portal) and verify that you have uploaded a current W9 to your account.
  - If you wish to receive EFT or ACH, verify that your banking information is current in the system (we strongly encourage providers to enter banking information as manual processing of checks is a slower process).
- To help families identify open capacity in childcare programs:
  - Call Child Care Aware at 800-997-8515 or go to the website to update your program’s vacancies, including temporary vacancies, so that families looking for care can find you.
- A provider who opts to close will not be eligible to receive a CEOG payment.
- A provider who is required to close due to a COVID-19-related directive from the Department of Health will still be deemed open and eligible to receive CEOG payment during the period of mandated closure.
- All child care providers who operate during the emergency will be required to use the modified operating practices, which were developed with advice and input from providers and other professionals working in the childcare industry. If a child care provider opts out of the state-provided Child Care Emergency Operating Grant, they will still be required to follow modified operating practices.