

Service Chapter: Child Care Assistance Program 400-28

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Overview

Effective with payment for the service month of July, all families who are at or below 30% of the State Median Income will have a waived co-payment as a result of HB 1540.

Description of Changes

1. Overview 400-28-90-05 - Change

Description updated to include the co-pays waived for families under 31% SMI.

2. Waived Co-pay Families 400-28-90-20 - Change

Description updated to include the co-pays waived for families under 31% SMI.

Policy Section Updates

1. Co-pay Requirements 400-28-90 (Overview 400-28-90-05)

Federal regulations require each family receiving Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) benefits to contribute towards the monthly costs of such care.

- The portion that a family is responsible to contribute is called a Co-pay.
- The Co-pay that is applied to child care costs incurred each month is referred to as Family Monthly Co-pay.

The Co-pay requirement is waived for families receiving TANF, Diversion and Crossroads, and families who are at or below 30% of the state median income (SMI) according to the Sliding Fee Schedule.

Families who are not waived from the Co-pay requirement are subject to a Family Monthly Co-pay when determining their CCAP eligibility. In addition to the Co-pay, the family is responsible for any amount that is charged over the State Maximum Monthly Share amount.

It is the responsibility of the provider to collect the Co-pay from the family. Verification that the Co-pay has been paid is not required.

2. Waived Co-pay Families 400-28-90-20

The Co-pay requirement for certain families with very low income will be waived and their child care paid up to the State Rate. These include:

- Families receiving services through the Crossroads Program
- Ineligible/SSI children whose caretaker is receiving TANF or Diversion
- Families receiving TANF or Diversion

Note: Payment of child care is subject to Co-pay when the child care is a result of an activity for a TANF caretaker who is:

- In receipt of SSI
- A Disqualified Alien or
- An ineligible non-legally responsible caretaker
- An ineligible Kinship Care caretaker with non-kinship children
- Families participating in the Alternative Response for Substance Exposed Newborns (ARSEN) program
- Families who are at or below 30% of the SMI according to the Sliding Fee Schedule

~~Families who are not subject to the Co-pay requirements are not subject to the income requirements. Since these families are not subject to co-pay or income requirements, child care may be paid up to the maximum State Rate.~~