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Changes to the DCDEE Subsidized Child Care Market Rates
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As of October 1, 2017, school-aged children in three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes in Tier One and Tier Two counties may receive Market Rate adjustments as specified by the General Assembly in Session Law 2017-57, the budget bill for 2016-17. In addition, children birth through two years of age in three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes in Tier Three counties may also receive a Market Rate adjustment. Providers may determine which tier applies to the counties in which they operate by referring to https://www.nccommerce.com/research-publications/incentive-reports/2015-county-tier-designations?udt_10737_param_orderby=Tier_x0020_Designation&udt_10737_param_direction=ascending.

This change will not affect your ability to have one Private Pay Rate increase during the calendar year. Rate increases go into effect on the first day of the month following a 30-calendar day notice of the rate change. For example, private pay rate changes must be received by no later than August 31, 2017 to have the change take effect October 1, 2017.

Providers are required to take action to change their Private Pay Rates. The table below provides information for entering the rates into the NC FAST Provider Portal.

In order for new provider rates to become effective October 1, 2017, providers must submit rate changes through the NC FAST Provider Portal no later than August 31, 2017.

		Enrolled Providers from 8/15/17 to 9/30/17	Not-yet Enrolled Providers from 8/15/17 to 9/30/17	All Providers from 10/1/17 to 12/31/17
Provider Actions Required	In NC FAST Provider Portal	Modify Private Pay Rates using "Market Increase" as the reason for the change	Complete enrollment with new Private Pay Rates	Modify rates or complete enrollment with new Private Pay Rates
Market Rates Reflected on Approval Notice*		Existing October 1, 2016 market rates	Existing October 1, 2016 market rates	New October 1, 2017 market rates

*New approved rates will be available via an Approval Notice on the NC FAST Provider Portal reflecting October 1, 2017 market rates and revised approved subsidy rates by October 2, 2017.

If you have any questions about the new Market Rates, please contact your Local Purchasing Agency.

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