

Subsidized Child Care Provider Notice

Responsibility of Parent Fees beginning with service month July 2022

Many people were impacted by COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) has made many efforts to support the children and families receiving subsidized child care as well as the child care facilities providing child care.

Part of this response has been to waive all parent fees for the past 15 months. DCDEE is hopeful that this was a helpful change for parents during these unprecedented times. As North Carolina has progressed out of the pandemic, DCDEE will no longer waive the monthly parent fees for child care subsidy.

Beginning with the service month of July 2022, each family receiving subsidized child care with a parent fee assigned will be responsible for paying this parent fee directly to their chosen child care provider. DCDEE will no longer cover the cost of these parent fees.

Each family receiving subsidized child care has been notified of this change.

Going forward, the parent/responsible adult will be required to pay their parent fee for the month of July 2022 and each month afterwards. If you have questions about this notice, you may contact your local department of social services (DSS) or local purchasing agency (LPA).

Recertification Timeframe

DCDEE would also like to ask you to remind all parents that their recertification is due to your local DSS/LPA by the last day of the last month of their certification period.

Notifications of recertification are sent out 45 days before your child care services are due to be renewed and they should return them by the date that is listed on the front page of their packet.

If they do not return the packet before the last day of the month of their certification period, their child care services could be terminated.

Differential Payment to end June 30, 2022

DCDEE will no longer make the additional differential payment to providers starting in the July service month. This payment was for school children that were attending the child care facility while also attending virtual learning. June service month paid in July will be the final differential payment.