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day centers. In order to pay the approved rate for the certified developmental day center, the rate must appear on the provider's Approval Notice, and the child with special needs must have the appropriate documentation described in Section IV above.

B. Inclusive Child Care Facilities

Because of such factors as parental choice, federal and state legislation, and the many benefits for both children with special needs and those who are typically developing, more and more children with special needs are being served in inclusive child care settings. These are programs which include children with special needs in a setting that primarily serves children who are typically developing. A local purchasing agency may pay a supplemental payment above the provider's approved rate for an individual child with special needs who is being mainstreamed into a family child care home (including nonlicensed child care homes) and centers which serve primarily typically developing children if additional costs are incurred and there are no other funds available. Funding for supplemental payments for these children should initially come from the special needs set-aside. The process for approving a supplemental payment is described in Chapter 21: Payment Rates.

VI. REDETERMINATION

All appropriate forms must be renewed annually for Special Needs documentation for children in Certified Developmental Day Centers or for children in inclusive child care settings when the provider has been approved for a supplemental payment. Refer to Chapter 11: Responding to Eligibility Changes and Redetermination for additional information.