

Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot

Certify Participation



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Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot

The **Ratios Pilot** and the **Enhanced Payments Pilot** are programs for **licensed group child care providers**. The pilot programs expand capacity across Wisconsin's child care industry by helping providers serve more infants and toddlers.

Ratios Pilot

The Ratios Pilot aligns Wisconsin with other peer states, enabling **licensed group providers** to implement a ratio of 1:7 for children 18-30 months of age. This means providing care for **seven toddlers per staff member** in at least one classroom. To become certified in the Ratios Pilot, group child care programs must have:

- At least 35 square feet of usable floor space per child (see DCF 251.06(7)(a)) in the classroom to accommodate the increased ratios
- Enough qualified staff in each classroom
- Adequate licensed capacity
- Adequate equipment and furnishing (e.g., toys, cots/cribs/playpens, chairs, tables, utensils)

Enhanced Payments Pilot

The Enhanced Payments Pilot offers per-child payments for **infants and toddlers** that have a **Wisconsin Shares** authorization. Monthly payments under the Enhanced Payments Pilot are per-child payments for children who:

- Are enrolled at a **licensed group child care program** that is **certified in the Ratios Pilot** for at least one classroom (*the child does not have to be in the classroom that is implementing 1:7 ratios*)
- Are 0-30 months old
- Have an active **Wisconsin Shares Authorization**

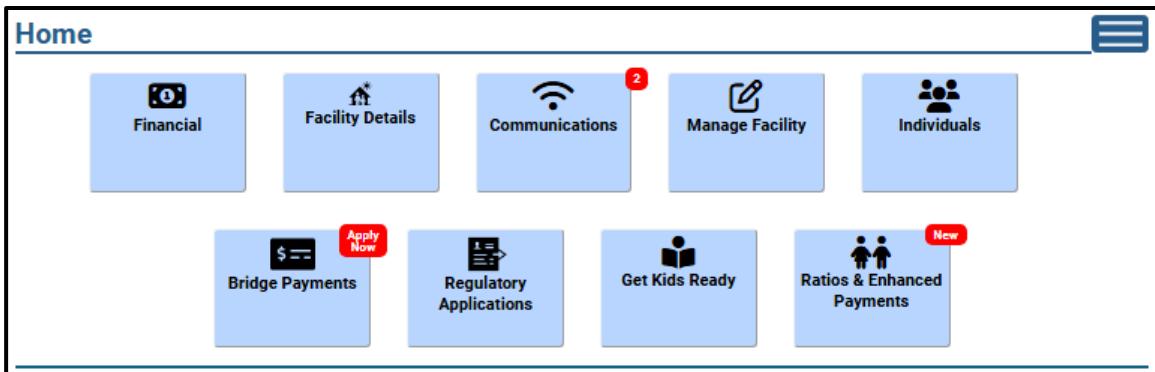
Additional information on the Ratios and Enhanced Payments Pilots can be found here: [**Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot**](#).

Pilot Certification on CCPP

To participate in the Ratios Pilot and/or Enhanced Payments Pilot you must complete your pilot certification through your [Child Care Provider Portal \(CCPP\)](#) account.

The **CCPP** is a secure website, available 24/7, where regulated Wisconsin child care providers can manage their child care business. View user guides on our website for more information: [Child Care Provider Portal User Guides](#).

If you do not have access to the [Child Care Provider Portal](#), you can request access and log in following [these instructions](#). The instructions are also available in this [short video](#).



Note: The information in the **DCF Child Care Provider Portal** is **confidential**, and everyone using this system **must follow confidentiality guidelines**.

Here are **confidentiality guidelines** that **all registered users must follow**:

1. Only those with a User ID and security access to CCPP should be viewing information on CCPP. Each person authorized to use CCPP should have their **own User ID**.
2. Registered users should **not share a User ID/Password** with anyone. Remember that you are responsible for keeping your **User ID and Password secure**.

Ratios Pilot Certification on CCPP

For a licensed group provider to participate in either pilot program, they **must certify participation in the Ratios Pilot**. To begin, select the Ratios & Enhanced Payments button.

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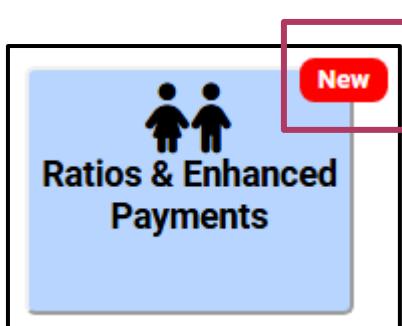
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The red **New** bubble on the upper right to the Ratios & Enhanced Payments button is only temporarily in placement to attract attention towards the pilot programs. If this does not appear when starting, or still appears after submitting certification, it does not affect your status in the pilots. The button can continue to be used throughout your participation.

Certification Page

After selecting the Ratios & Enhanced Payments, the **Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot Certification** page will open.

The upper section of the page provides information on the pilot programs and has a link for additional information on the Ratios and Enhanced Payments Pilots.

Beneath that section is where you can certify your participation with the **Ratios Pilot** and where you select an option for the **Enhanced Payments Pilot**. Let's take a closer look at both of those.

Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot Certification

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- The Ratios Pilot aligns Wisconsin with other peer states, enabling providers to care for seven toddlers between 18 to 30 months of age per staff member.
- The Enhanced Payments Pilot supports providers financially with a per-child payment if a child care provider participates in the Ratios Pilot and serves families who are eligible for Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy.

To learn more about these pilots, visit <https://DCF.wisconsin.gov/childcare/ratios-payments>

To participate in the Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot, you must certify your participation with the department. Answer the following questions to complete your certification for the Ratios Pilot, as well as for the Enhanced Payment Pilot (if eligible).

Select all the following to certify your participation in the Ratios Pilot:

I will implement the 1:7 ratio in at least one classroom that cares for children 18-30 months.
 My center has the appropriate licensed capacity for the 1:7 ratio.
 My classroom(s) has enough space for the 1:7 ratio.
 My classroom(s) has adequate equipment for the 1:7 ratio.
 I agree the information I have submitted is truthful and accurate.
 I understand that I am required to notify DCF if I stop implementing a 1:7 ratio prior to the end of the program or wish to stop receiving enhanced payments by returning to this page to report the change.

You may be eligible to receive enhanced payments based on your certification above.

Select one of the following to indicate your participation in the Enhanced Payments Pilot: 

I do not participate in Wisconsin Shares and understand I do not qualify to receive enhanced payments for this pilot program.
 I am eligible to serve families who are authorized for Wisconsin Shares, and I want to receive enhanced payments for this pilot program (Opt-in).
 I am eligible to serve families who are authorized for Wisconsin Shares, but I do not want to receive enhanced payments for this pilot program (Opt-out).

Check this box if you are no longer implementing 1:7 ratios OR no longer wish to receive enhanced payments.

I am no longer implementing a 1:7 ratio and/or I no longer want to receive enhanced payments for implementing 1:7 ratios. NOTE: If you are receiving enhanced payments, those payments will end as of the date you submit this form.

Submit

Certify Ratios Participation and Select Enhanced Payments option

To certify your participation in the **Ratios Pilot** you must select each of the **six checkboxes**. By selecting a check box, you are stating that you understand that information and it is correct for your program.

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After selecting the Ratios Pilot check boxes, you choose one of the three Enhanced Payments Pilot options that fits your participation in the Enhanced Payments Pilot. An information  icon offers additional information on those choices.

When all your choices have been made, select **Submit**.

Note: This portion and check box are only used to **signify you no longer wish to participate**, after certification. **Do not select** this check box when submitting certification.

Ratios & Enhanced Payments Certification Details

After submitting your Ratios Pilot certification and Enhanced Payments option, the **Ratios Pilot & Enhanced Payments Pilot Certification Details** page will open. This is now the page that opens when selecting the Ratios & Enhanced Payments button on your CCPP home page. It shows all the Ratios Pilot checkboxes as selected, and the Enhanced Payments choice made.

If adjustments to your choices are needed, select **Modify Details**.

Ratios Pilot & Enhanced Payments Pilot Certification Details



You have submitted your certification details. If you need to make any changes, select the **Modify Details** button and re-submit your certification.

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On the **Modify Ratios Pilot and Enhanced Payments Pilot Certification** page you can adjust your selections made for ratios or enhanced payments. You can also check the box on the bottom to discontinue implementation of a 1:7 ratio and to no longer receive enhanced payments through 1:7 ratio implementation. Select **Submit** after making any adjustments.

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