



Division of Early Care and Education

ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO

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To: Local County and Tribal Child Care Agencies

From: Judy Norman-Nunnery, Ph.D.
Division Administrator

RE: Wisconsin Shares Maximum Rate Increase and Change to 2 Star YoungStar Adjustment

PURPOSE

This memo announces a Wisconsin Shares maximum rate increase for infants and toddlers, and a reduction to the 2 Star YoungStar Adjustment. Both changes are effective October 1, 2018.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 2018, Governor Scott Walker approved changes to the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy maximum rates and 2 Star subsidy adjustment.

Rate and YS Adjustment Changes

The following changes will be reflected on the October 1, 2018 Wisconsin Shares authorizations:

1. Maximum subsidy rates for children birth through three years old will be increased by 5% statewide.
2. Maximum subsidy rates for any licensed child care provider caring for infants (birth through two years old) that remain below \$5.00 per hour will be raised to \$5.00 per hour.
3. The increase in subsidy rates to a minimum \$5.00 per hour for licensed child care provider caring for infants (birth through two years old), caused the rates for regularly certified providers caring for infants to be at least \$3.75 per hour, and rates for provisionally certified providers caring for infants to be at least \$2.50 per hour (Wis. Admin. Code [DCF § 201.06\(4\)](#)).
4. Parents who choose child care providers rated 2 Stars by the YoungStar quality rating and improvement system will receive a 1% reduction from their total subsidy amount instead of the current 5% reduction.

The new rates will be published at: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/maxrates>

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Attachment:

[Maximum Rates 2018 - Statewide](#)