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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Division of Early Care and Education
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To: Local County and Tribal Child Care Agencies

From: Erin Arango-Escalante
Division Administrator

RE: Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Maximum Rate Increase

PURPOSE

This memo announces a Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy maximum rate increase for all age groups. The change will be effective on October 1, 2019.

Rate Increase

As a result of increased funding from the Governor's 2019-21 budget, the Department of Children and Families is increasing maximum rates for Wisconsin Shares Child Care subsidies so that all rates are at least at the 35th percentile of the market rate for all age groups.

If the maximum rate for the geographic area is already at the 35th percentile or higher or if the child care provider's price is lower than the maximum rate for that county and provider type/age group, there will be no increase in the subsidy amount.

Child care providers are encouraged to annually review and update the prices they have submitted to the local Income Maintenance agency and participate in the annual Market Rate Survey. Providing updated information will help ensure higher subsidies for families during future rate increases as this data is crucial in determining amounts.

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

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