

Wisconsin Shares Subsidy Usage Policy Changes Effective October 1, 2025

Updates for Parents/Caregivers

Wisconsin Shares has made a change to help get child care provider payments closer to the actual cost of care. **You are encouraged to use all subsidy funds on your MyWIChildCare EBT card to pay the child care provider, even if that amount is over what the child care provider charges you.**

Do I need to make any changes to my authorization(s)?

No. You do not need to make changes to your authorization(s).

Does my child care provider need to do anything?

No. Your child care provider does not need to do anything. They should continue using their Written Payment Agreements to discuss billing and payment practices with you.

What does this mean for families with a Wisconsin Shares authorization?

You are encouraged, but not required, to pay your child care provider all of the subsidy funds added to your EBT cards each month, even if that amount is over the amount your child care provider charges you.

Paying more than the billed amount will no longer be a reason for a Voluntary Payment Agreement (VPA) or an Overpayment.

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