Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates

October 16, 2018
Presentation Outline

- Background of CCAP
- Changes to CCAP Rules
- Program Information
- Prioritization of Waitlist
- Provider Rate Changes
- Question and Answer
Background

• The CCAP Program serves families in three programs:

  • **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**: serves families that meet eligibility criteria in tandem with the Colorado Works program.

  • **Child Welfare**: Temporary service to maintain children in their own homes or in least restrictive out-of-home setting where there are no other child care options.

  • **Low Income**: serves families that meet the CCAP eligibility criteria (including teen parent applications).
Low Income CCAP

• CCAP serves children aged 0-12

• Until the waitlist was implemented we would determine eligibility on a first come first serve basis

• Family eligibility requirements:
  • Residency: must be a resident of Boulder County
  • Income: current entrance income is 185% FPL
  • Citizenship: child must be citizen or legal resident
  • Eligible activity: must be working, searching for a job or attending school
Changes to CCAP Rules

CCAP Rule Changes:
• Entrance eligibility changed to 185% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
  • For family of 4: $3,869.58

• Setting state-wide exit eligibility at 85% of State Median Income (SMI)
  • For family of 4: $6,461.84

• Reducing the instances that a case may be closed during the 12 month eligibility period

• Ensure families remain eligible during their 12 months regardless of what county they reside.

• Counties are no longer allowed to include absences or holidays in the daily rate
Who do we serve?
Number of children on CCAP
80% of Boulder County cases are 185% FPL or below
CCAP Allocation

Low Income CCAP State Funding Allocation to Expenditures
August 2018

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Children on the Waitlist

The chart shows the trend of children on the waitlist from 6/1/2017 to 7/1/2018. The number of children on the waitlist has been gradually increasing with peaks in January and June each year.
WITHOUT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, SOME CHILDREN WON'T THRIVE.

SCHOOL "UNREADINESS"—THE MOST CRITICAL EFFECT OF CHILD POVERTY.

53% of preschool-age children did not attend preschool between 2008 and 2010.

Students who do not read proficiently by third grade are 4 TIMES more likely to leave high school without a diploma.

Without high-quality early childhood education, a vulnerable child is:

- 25% more likely to drop out of school
- 40% more likely to become a teen parent
- 50% more likely to be placed in special education
- 60% more likely never to attend college
- 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime

35% - 40% of American children are not prepared for kindergarten.
BCDHHS Strategic Priority

**Improve child development and readiness for school:**

- Increase school readiness in children who participate in the CCAP program.

- BCDHHS’ priority to improve child development and school readiness can be progressed by changing our entrance eligibility.

- Preference for children on the waitlist will be given to:
  - Children aged 0-3 and their siblings; then
  - Children aged 4-5 and their siblings; then
  - Children aged 6-12
Provider Rate Changes
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• As of October 1st provider rates changed due to HB18-1335
• Rates changed to provide:
  
  • Increased transparency:
    • Previously all absences and holidays were included in daily reimbursement rates
    • Now, providers will be paid for a set number of absences and holidays
  
  • Increased clarity:
    • Now that absence and holiday policy is transparent, the process becomes clearer
  
  • Provides consistency:
    • Number of absences and holidays are standardized based on the sites quality rating level (Colorado Shines)
Holiday/Absences

• **All levels** will be paid 10 holidays per year

• The holidays you will get paid for include:
  • New Year's Day
  • Martin Luther King Day
  • President's day
  • Memorial Day
  • Independence Day
  • Labor Day
  • Columbus Day
  • Veteran's Day
  • Thanksgiving Day
  • Christmas Day

• **Levels 3-5** will be paid for an additional one (1) absence a month
Example:

Effective 10/1/18: New reimbursement rates, assuming you are receiving the full day CCAP reimbursement amount.
Example: Sam attends a Level 1 or 2 Home childcare provider full time and is 4 years old and there are 22 days in the month.

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Provider Quality

50% of providers are at Level 3-5
Increasing Quality

*Interested in increasing your site’s quality rating?*

• Providers with higher ratings receive additional compensation for holiday and absence days, so this is a great incentive to increase your businesses’ quality rating.

• Providers with a higher rating also receive a higher daily reimbursement rate.

• If you have not already, reach out to the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC) for help in navigating Colorado Shines. Call Robin at 303-895-3430 or email her at rpennington@eccbouldercounty.org.

• You can also check out the ECCBC Quality Improvement webpage: https://www.eccbouldercounty.org/resources-for-child-care-providers/quality-improvement/.
Additional Care Needs

- Defined as a child who has:
  - a physical and/or mental disability and needs a higher level of care on an individualized basis
  - who is under court supervision, including a voluntary out-of-home placement prior to or subsequent to a petition review of the need for placement (PRNP),
  - who has additional care needs identified by an individual health care plan (IHCP), individual education plan (IEP), physician’s/professional’s statement, child welfare, or individualized family service plan (IFSP).
Additional Care Needs

• Provides:
  • Provider daily reimbursement is double
  • Care until child is 19

• How to apply:
  • Contact the CCAP office to request an application
  • Special needs application has 3 parts:
    • Parent
    • Child care provider
    • Doctor