

# Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates



October 16, 2018

# Presentation Outline

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# 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

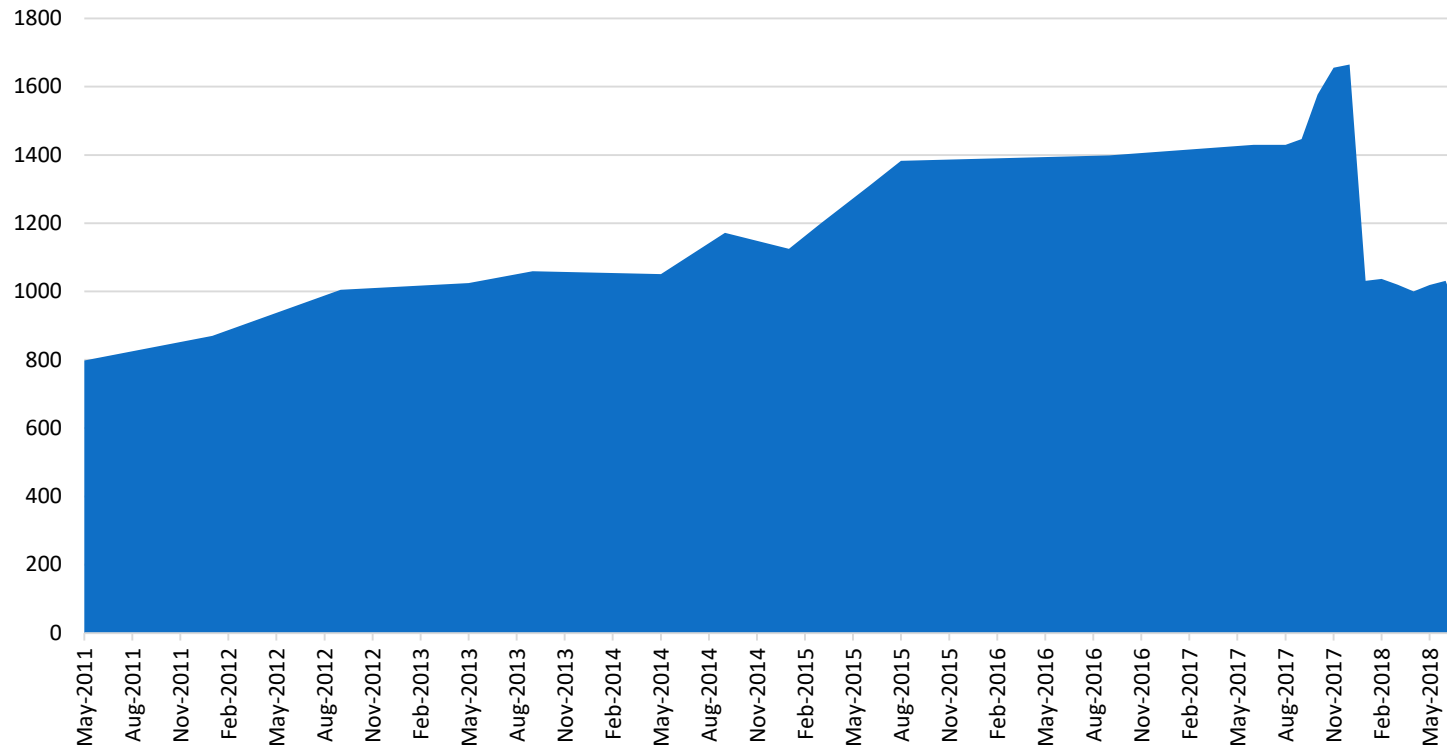
## CCAP Rule Changes:

- 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?

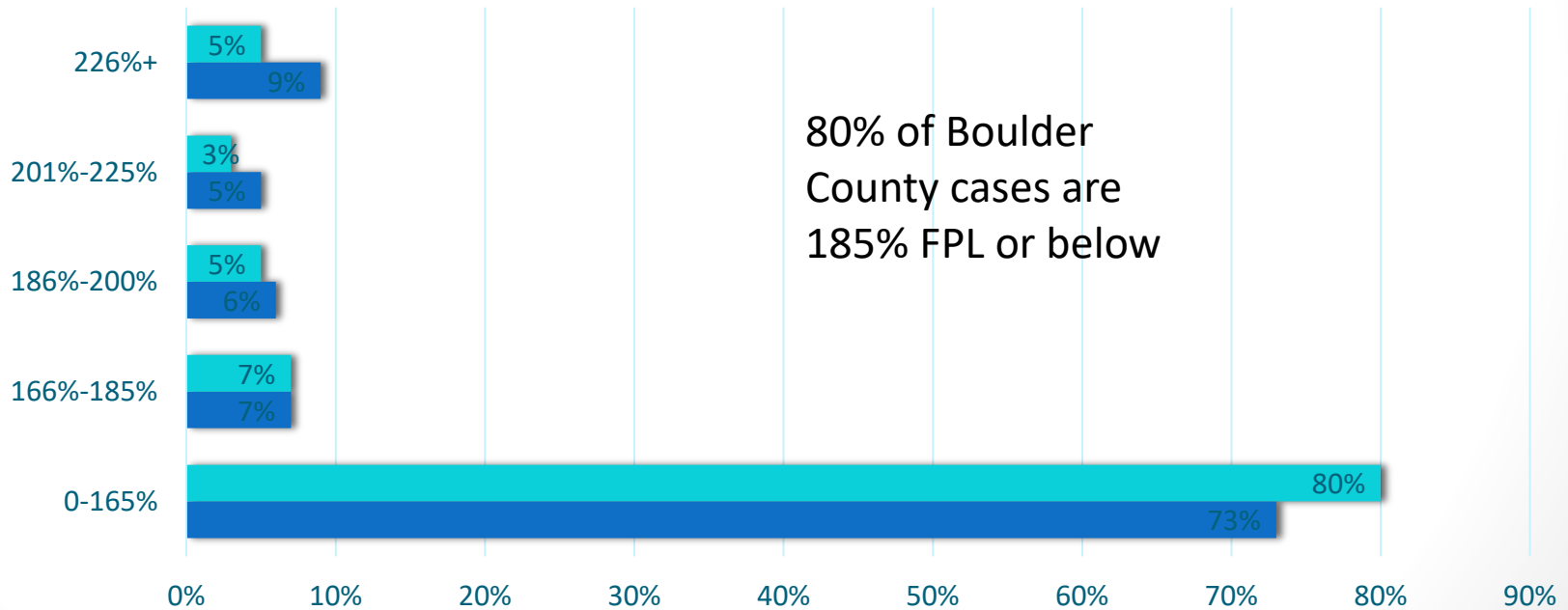


# Number of children on CCAP



# Cases by Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

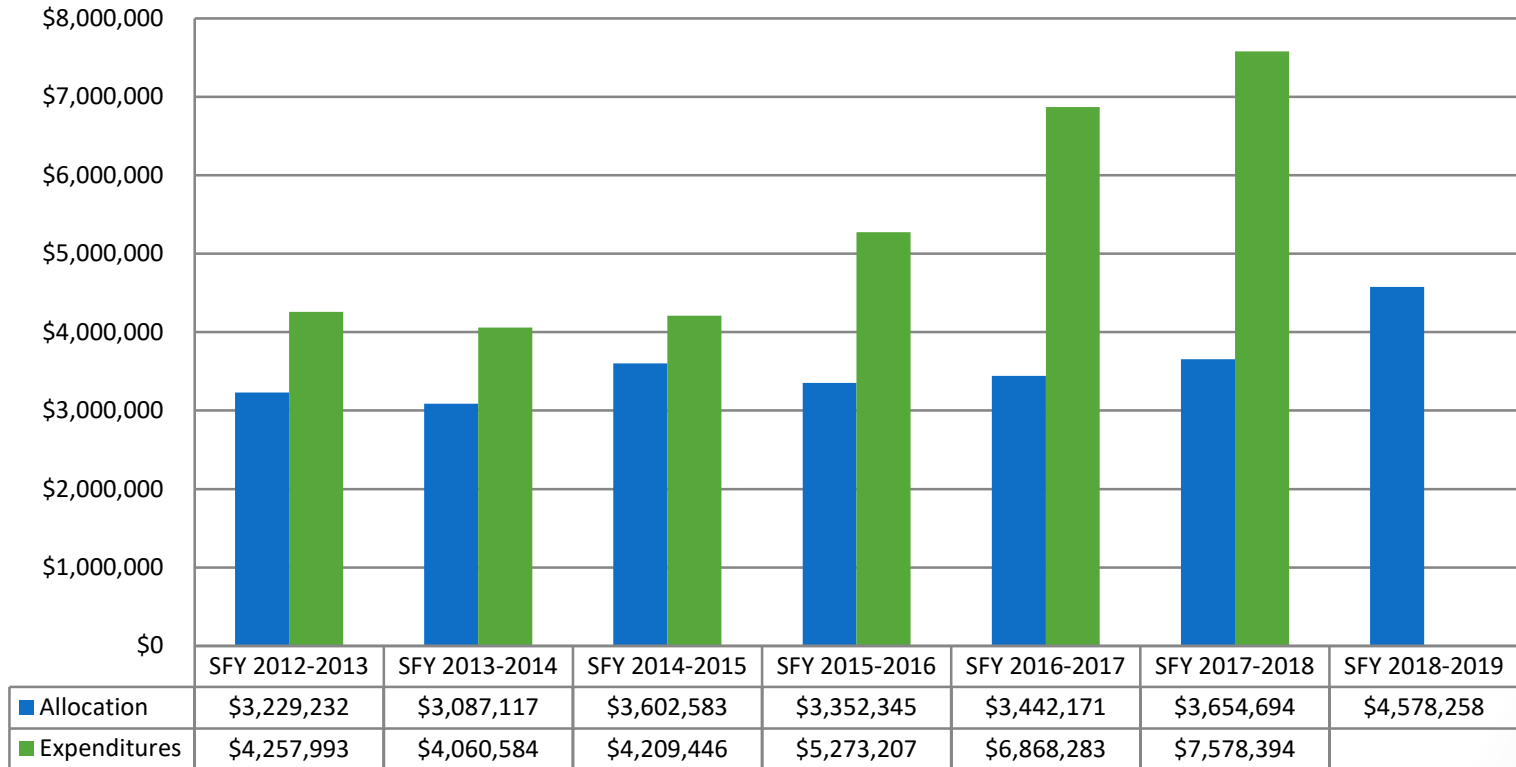
■ % of State of Colorado Cases    ■ % of Boulder County Cases



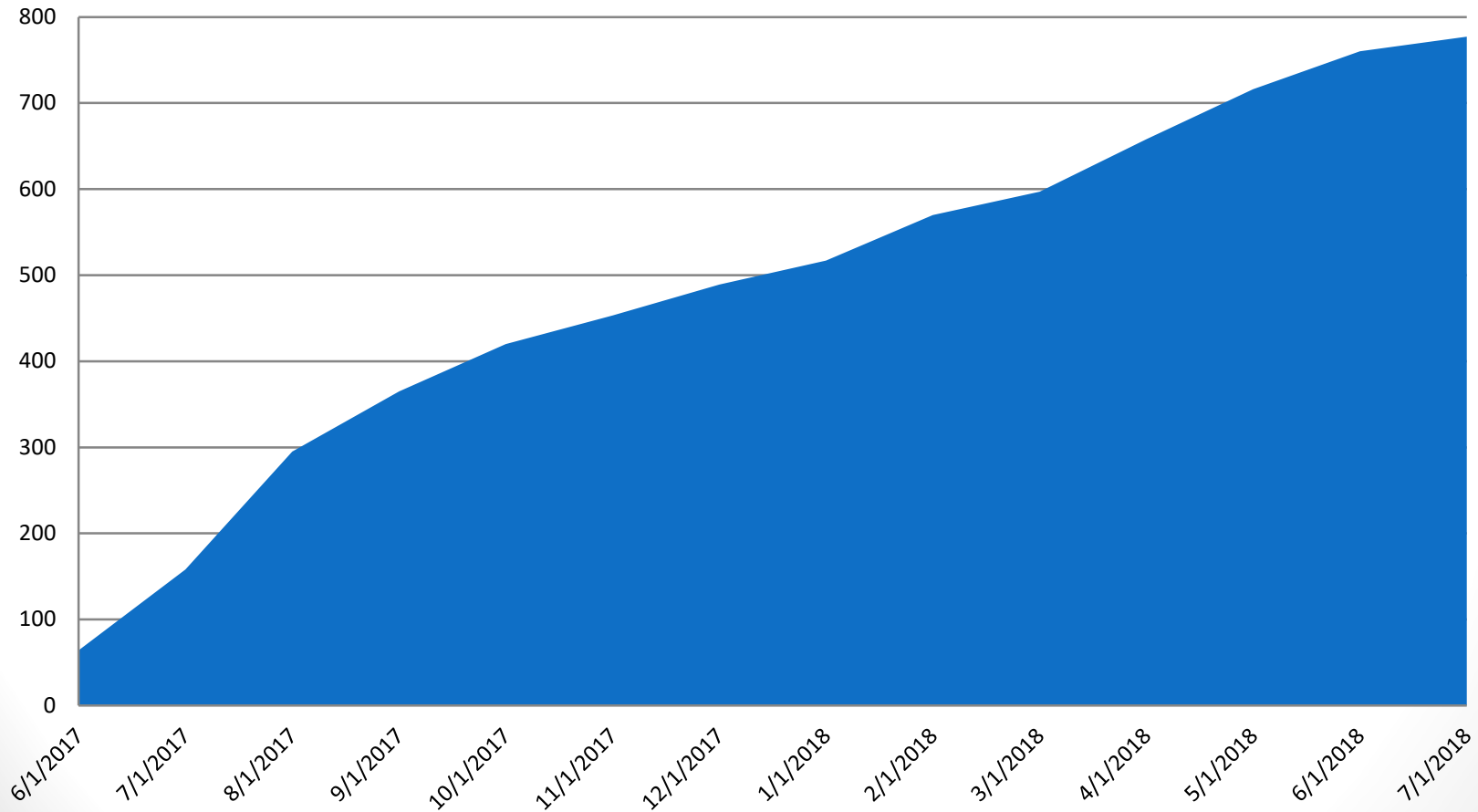


# CCAP Allocation

Low Income CCAP State Funding Allocation to Expenditures  
August 2018



# Children on the Waitlist



# 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



35% - 40% of American children are not prepared for kindergarten

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



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

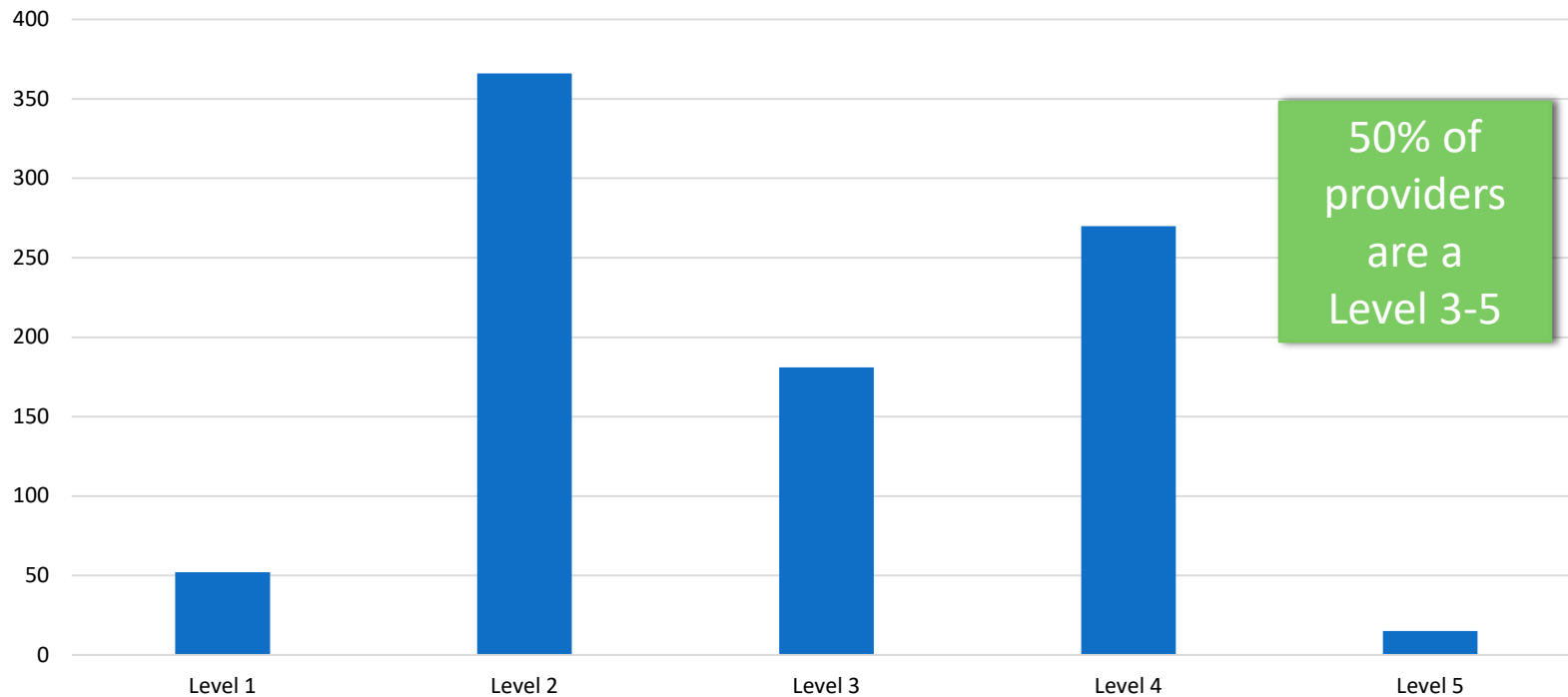
**Effective 10/1/18: New reimbursement rates, assuming you are receiving the full day CCAP reimbursement amount.**

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.

Quality Level	New Daily Rate not including absences/holiday days	Sam attends all 22 days in a month	Sam attends 21 of 22 days in a month due to 1 holiday	Sam attends 20 of 22 days in a month due to 1 holiday and 1 absence	Sam attends 19 of 22 days due to 1 holiday and 2 absences
1	\$36.96	\$813.12	\$813.12	\$776.16	\$739.20
2	\$37.40	\$822.80	\$822.80	\$785.40	\$748.00
3	\$38.28	\$842.16	\$842.16	\$842.16	\$803.88
4	\$39.30	\$864.60	\$864.60	\$864.60	\$825.30
5	\$40.00	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$840.00



# Provider Quality



# Increasing Quality

## *Interested in increasing your sites 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](mailto: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