

How will I know if a child is eligible for Transitional Child Care Benefits?

The authorization letter you receive for a TCC eligible child will tell you the DAILY RATE paid for each unit of care (full time, half time, part time) instead of the sliding fee amount. A new code, TR, (transitional) also has been added next to the “Child’s Eligibility” section on your invoice. These changes are made to help families and providers determine the family’s total cost for care.



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Information for Providers about Transitional Child Care Benefits

What are Transitional Child Care Benefits?

Transitional Child Care (TCC) provides benefits to families whose income exceeds the regular Child Care Assistance income limits. The TCC benefit is 75% of the regular child care benefits.

TCC is available only to families who currently receive Child Care Assistance benefits and have a change that causes their income to exceed the regular Child Care Assistance income limits.

To view TCC income guidelines visit our website at:
www.dss.mo.gov/cd/childcare/index.

What are the reimbursement rates for Transitional Child Care?

TCC reimburses providers at 75% of the state maximum rate (after all rate enhancements are applied and the sliding fee is deducted.) This 75% benefit depends on several factors:

- the area where the TCC eligible child lives;
- the age of the TCC eligible child;
- the time of day that care is provided;
- your status as a child care provider;
- your eligibility for rate enhancements.

Below is an example of a TCC payment calculation for a St. Louis City licensed and accredited child care center providing full time care during the evening for a preschool aged child that does not have qualifying special needs.

TCC Payment Calculation Example:

Base Rate	\$18.48
Accreditation Rate Enhancement	+\$ 3.70
Enhanced Rate	\$22.18
Child's Sliding Fee	-\$ 5.00
Child's Adjusted Rate	=\$17.18
Transitional Benefit Adjustment	X 75%
Child's TCC Reimbursement Rate	\$12.88



Families still are required to pay the sliding fee in order to be eligible for Child Care Assistance. Families also are responsible for any amount charged that exceeds the child's reimbursement rate. However, the sliding fee does not apply to children indentified by DSS as having special needs. Contact FSD for details on child care benefits for children with special needs.

