

## Part CLXI. Bulletin 137\_La. Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations

### §1815. Fees for CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Child Care Purposes

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B. The department shall charge and collect a \$15 processing fee when it receives a request for a CCCBC-based determination of eligibility for child care purposes.

a. This processing fee may be waived while funds to pay it are available from COVID-19 recovery funds.

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## Part CLXV. Bulletin 139\_La. Child Care and Development Fund Programs

### §103. Definitions

*Excessive ~~Unexplained Absences~~* failure of a child to attend at least one day in the prior certified month ~~—six or more unexplained absences from the child care provider during any certification month.~~

*Ineligibility Period for Providers*—period of time following the termination or closure of a CCAP provider's certification during which the provider is ineligible for certification.

*Unexplained Absence* ~~—an absence for which the head of household has not provided verbal or written notification to the provider or the department about the absence.~~

### §310. Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBCs) for Family Child Care Providers and In-Home Child Care Providers

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F. Fees for CCCBC-Based Determinations of Eligibility for Child Care Purposes

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a. This processing fee may be waived while funds to pay it are available from COVID-19 recovery funds.

### §509. Certification Requirements for Non-Categorically Eligible Households

A. To be certified as a CCAP household, households that are not categorically eligible for participation in CCAP must meet the following requirements:

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6. A child must have attended at least one day of care with a certified provider during each month in order for the household to remain certified for that child.

**§515. Payments Made on Behalf of Households**

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**B. Categorically Eligible Households**

1. Payments made to providers on behalf of categorically eligible households will be the state maximum daily rate for CCAP care as provided in Subsection A of this Section.

2. The number of days or hours authorized for payment is based on full-time or part-time authorizations, ~~the lesser of the following:~~

- ~~a. the time the child is actually in care each week;~~
- ~~b. the number of hours the head of household, the head of household's spouse or non-legal spouse, or MUP is working or attending a job training or educational program each week, plus one hour per day for travel to and from such activity; or~~
- ~~c. the time the child care is actually needed and available.~~

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**C. Non-Categorically Eligible Households**

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2. A non-categorically eligible household shall pay a portion of its monthly child care costs in accordance with the sliding fee scale, and this portion will be referred to as a "co-payment."

a. Co-payments may be waived while funds to pay these amounts are available from COVID-19 recovery funds.

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F. Payment will not be made to the provider for an unauthorized child.

~~F. Absences~~

~~1. Payment will not be made for absences of more than five days by a child in any calendar month or for an extended closure by a provider of more than five consecutive days in any calendar month.~~

~~2. A day of closure, on a normal operating day for the provider, is counted as an absent day for the children in the provider's care.~~

~~3. If a child authorized for full-time care attends child care less than four hours in one day, the child will be counted as a half day absent and half the daily rate will be paid to the provider.~~

~~4. No absences will be authorized for part-time care.~~

~~5. In cases of federal, state, or locally declared emergency situations or other special circumstances, the department may waive these absence requirements.~~

**§519. Termination or Refusal of Renewal of Household Certification and Ineligibility Periods for Households**

A. The department may terminate or refuse renewal of a household's certification and impose a period of ineligibility on the household for program violations, which include but are not limited to the following acts by a member of the household:

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5. excessive ~~unexplained~~ absences;