



WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ALAMO POLICY LETTER

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TO: Workforce Solutions Alamo CCS Contractors

FROM: Chakib Chehadi, Executive Director *C. C.*

SUBJECT: CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES

PURPOSE:

To provide information on Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) changes to the maximum reimbursement rates for child care providers.

REFERENCE(S):

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Child Care Rules, Chapter 809, Sections 809.20, 809.21, 809.91, **809.93, WD 19-09**, WD 32-08, WD 36-06, WD 42-07, WD 47-07, and WD 55-07.

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POLICY:

For FY10, the Alamo Board received approximately the same formula allocation as FY09 but a significant decrease in the number of units. For FY09, the Alamo Board received an increase in funds with a negligible increase in our units of care performance measure. This **decrease in the number of units** increase has allowed us the opportunity to increase provider reimbursement rates. The current Board maximum rate was compared to the latest Market Rate Survey, **which was the same as the one used for FY09**, to determine the percentage increase in reimbursement rates by the provider type and category of care.

Our recommendation is based upon the difference between the current reimbursement rate and the 50th percentile for all licensed and registered providers and categories of care. **We are also recommending that all rates be increased to a minimum of the 30th percentile and that no rates exceed the 50th percentile. Other rates were increased either 6%, 8%, 10% or 12% depending on how far they were below the 50th percentile. We are also recommending that all full-time infant and toddler rates at licensed and registered centers and homes be increased to the 50th percentile to assist parents in accessibility to infant and toddler care.** Either a 4% or 6% increase is recommended based upon the percentage below the median reimbursement rate.

~~Licensed child care centers care for 94% of the children enrolled in Child Care Services. Our current reimbursement rates most closely align with the 30th percentile on the Market Rate Survey. The infant full time reimbursement rate is higher and the toddler full time reimbursement rate is a few cents higher than the 30th percentile. Our preschool and school age reimbursements are significantly lower than the 30th percentile and we are recommending increasing the full time reimbursement rates at licensed centers so that all rates meet the 30th percentile.~~

~~To ensure that there is sufficient availability of infant care at licensed child care homes, the full time infant rate is being increased to the 30th percentile and the part time infant rate is being increased a similar percentage to the licensed child care centers.~~

~~Additionally, Article IX, Section 19.111 appropriated additional funding to only be used to increase child care reimbursement rates to child care providers serving children under the age of six that:~~

- ~~• participate in a Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) school readiness integration project; or~~
- ~~• are Texas Rising Star (TRS) providers.~~

~~Section 19.111 also:~~

- ~~• provides eligibility for the increased reimbursement rates to providers who obtain certification under the Texas School Readiness Certification System (TSRCS) known as Texas School Ready!;~~
- ~~• encourages providers who receive the increased reimbursement rate to use the funds to obtain certification under TSRCS; and~~
- ~~• provides information about the Texas School Ready! certification to all TRS providers and encourage them to apply for certification.~~

Texas Rising Star, State Center providers participating in the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) programs, and Texas School Ready! providers may receive an additional 5% above the maximum rate established for each provider type and category of care as long as the reimbursement rate is not higher than the provider's published rate (see attached rate schedule).

ACTION REQUIRED:

Contractor shall implement this policy effective November 1, 2009 for all new providers and actively work with existing providers to amend rates if needed.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

November 1, 2009

INQUIRIES:

Please direct all comments and inquiries pertaining to this policy to:

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ATTACHMENT:

CCS Maximum Reimbursement Rates

Workforce Solutions Alamo
 Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates
 Effective: November 1, 2009

		Regular Provider Rates		TRS, TEEM & Texas School Ready!	
		full-time	part-time	full-time	part-time
Licensed Child Care Center	<u>infant</u>	\$26.27	\$18.37	\$27.58	\$19.29
	<u>toddler</u>	\$23.92	\$16.37	\$25.12	\$17.19
	<u>preschool</u>	\$22.25	\$13.80	\$23.36	\$14.49
	<u>school-age</u>	\$26.16	\$11.71	\$27.47	\$12.30
Licensed Child Care Home	<u>infant</u>	\$22.00	\$16.46	\$23.10	\$17.28
	<u>toddler</u>	\$18.00	\$13.01	\$18.90	\$13.66
	<u>preschool</u>	\$18.00	\$14.11	\$18.90	\$14.82
	<u>school-age</u>	\$20.00	\$8.46	\$21.00	\$8.88
Registered Child Care Home	<u>infant</u>	\$23.00	\$15.09	\$24.15	\$15.84
	<u>toddler</u>	\$20.00	\$13.96	\$21.00	\$14.66
	<u>preschool</u>	\$17.00	\$10.00	\$17.85	\$10.50
	<u>school-age</u>	\$14.13	\$10.00	\$14.84	\$10.50
Relative	<u>infant</u>	\$10.00	\$8.00		
	<u>toddler</u>	\$10.00	\$8.00		
	<u>preschool</u>	\$10.00	\$8.00		
	<u>school-age</u>	\$10.00	\$8.00		