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Dear Provider:

You are receiving this letter because you serve families enrolled in New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD), Child Care Assistance Program. As of March 2023, reimbursement rates will increase for licensed child care centers and family child care providers. Please visit <https://www.echildcarenj.org/eccpw/> to see the new increased rates for licensed child care centers and family child care providers.

**Please note:** Changes to the Parent/Applicant Provider Agreement (PAPA) reflecting these rate changes will be updated when agreements are reissued. However, providers will soon see the new rates displayed in the payment portal.

As a reminder, DHS/DFD's reimbursement rate includes the families' copayment portion through October 2023, and copayments should not be collected from families during this timeframe. Families who select child care providers that charge more than the maximum State rate have been informed they are still responsible for paying that difference. However, DHS/DFD strongly encourages providers to accept the State rate as full payment.

If you have questions, you may contact **Bergen County Office for Children** at **201-336-7150**.