

Licensed Family Home Cost of Care Rate Enhancement FAQs

Q: Who is eligible to receive the Licensed Family Home Cost of Care Rate Enhancement?

A: Licensed family homes must meet the following eligibility for each month of service:

- The provider has received a child care subsidy base payment:
 - For the current month of service; or
 - For 2 of the last 3 months of service; or
 - For 4 of the last 6 months of service.

Q: How much is the cost of care rate enhancement?

A: The Licensed Family Home Cost of Care Rate Enhancement is \$2,000 per service month.

Q: How many cost of care rate enhancements can I receive?

A: Providers are eligible for only one cost of care rate enhancement for each month of service beginning with the month of July 2022 and ending with the month of June 2023.

Q: What do I have to do to receive this payment?

A: Eligible providers will receive this subsidy payment automatically. Providers do not have to claim payment for this service directly. The SSPS service code for this payment is 01910.

Q: When will the first payment be made?

A: DCYF will process the first Licensed Family Home Cost of Care Rate Enhancement in September 2022 for July 2022 services.

Q: When will I receive payment?

A: Payments will process mid-month every month. Please understand that electronic payment processing and the U.S. Postal Service may take several business days, impacting the exact date that providers receive payments once they've processed.

Q: How will I receive my payment?

A: DCYF will process payments through SSPS. Providers will receive the cost of care rate enhancement in the same way they receive their subsidy payment.

Q: What happens if I don't claim my service invoice by the end of the following month?

A: DCYF will process payment based on the provider's eligibility. A cost of care rate enhancement payment will be created when the provider becomes eligible for each month of service.

Providers have three months to claim their service invoice and providers will be paid the cost of care rate enhancement when they meet the required eligibility criteria. It is possible for a provider to claim July services in October and if they do so they will be paid their July cost of

care rate enhancement in November 2022 if they have not already received their July cost of care rate enhancement.

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

A: You may call the DCYF Provider Line at 1-800-394-4571 or email providerhelp@dcyf.wa.gov.

Here Is A Visual Display Of July 2022 Cost of Care Rate Enhancement Eligibility:

A provider will receive a July 2022 month of service cost of care rate enhancement payment when they meet any of the following criteria:

Did the provider get paid for July month of service? If yes, then eligible. If no, then move to next step:

Eligible for July 2022 Incentive?	February Service Payment?	March Service Payment?	April Service Payment?	May Service Payment?	June Service Payment?	July Service Payment?
Yes						Y

Did the provider get paid for months of service May and June? If yes, then eligible. If no, then move to next step:

Eligible for July 2022 Incentive?	February Service Payment?	March Service Payment?	April Service Payment?	May Service Payment?	June Service Payment?	July Service Payment?
Yes				Y	Y	

Did the provider get paid for months of service February, March, April, and also either May or June? If yes, then eligible. If no, then not eligible for July cost of care rate enhancement.

Eligible for July 2022 Incentive?	February Service Payment?	March Service Payment?	April Service Payment?	May Service Payment?	June Service Payment?	July Service Payment?
Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Yes	Y	Y	Y		Y	