



## BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Re: Changes to CAPS Family Fee

Dear CAPS Child Care Provider,

As communicated earlier this summer, DECAL is changing the way the department calculates the CAPS family fee. These changes will not impact your reimbursement rates, because DECAL will pay the difference. These changes will, however, reduce the family fee for many families. The changes include:

- A **15% discount** to the family fee for families who choose a Quality Rated provider
- A change to **the way the family fee is dispersed** for families with multiple children in care. The family fee will now be **evenly divided among all children** in care to ensure the Quality Rated discount applies to children at Quality Rated providers. Only families enrolled in Quality Rated programs received new adjusted scholarships.
- A **new method for calculating family fees** will go into effect this fall based on family size and income, not the number of children in care. Beginning in September, family fees will be recalculated using the new method for existing families at the time of their renewal or at the time they report an applicable case change. The old formula will continue to apply to families that enrolled in CAPS before September 2018 if they do not qualify for lower fees using the new calculation method. The new calculation method will apply to all families who enroll in CAPS after September 2018.

### How can providers find the updated family fee?

Log into your account at <https://max.gacaps.com> and click on “view active certificates.” Click on each child’s name to see the scholarship certificate details. Make note of the family fee and CAPS weekly amount to provider.

If you have trouble logging into your account or questions about billing, contact Maximus, our State Provider Management Agent, at **(877) 755-6522**.

We appreciate all you do to provide quality child care environments for our families.

Sincerely,

Elisabetta Kasfir  
Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs

Actual Provider Weekly Charge	\$65.00
CAPS Weekly Rate	\$65.00
Family Fee	\$25.00
CAPS Weekly Amount to Provider	\$40.00
Parent Weekly Responsibility	\$25.00