

CHILD CARE SERVICES

September 2023

50% COPAYS BEGIN OCT 1
NO CALCULATIONS BY PROVIDERS REQUIRED

What to expect: A systems update recently assessed the 50% copayment to all child care cases that should have a copayment for October 1. The update generated a notice which will be mailed to the family and the child care provider in the next few days. The notice will show the correct copayment which will already be calculated at 50% of the regular copayment amount. (There will be no calculation required on the provider's part.) In addition, the provider web will show the correct October copayment on September 28, after the regular monthly roll runs in the EBT system. You will also be able to see the copayment on the POS machine beginning October 1 when swipes are recorded. **Note: Cases that continue to have a \$0 copayment for October will not receive a change notice in the mail.** Questions? childcaresubsidy@okdhs.org



REMINDER!

FREE CHILD CARE FOR CHILD CARE EMPLOYEES EXTENDED

Employees of licensed child care programs will continue to qualify for free subsidized child care through September 2024. However, there may be some child care employees who entered the subsidy system through traditional eligibility and may show a copayment after the September update assesses the 50% copayment. If you notice that any of your employees have a copayment for October, please email childcaresubsidy@okdhs.org, and we will correct the case to show a zero copayment.

THE STARS PROGRAM

Stars Inquiry Meetings

Who: Any owner/director or primary caregiver who wishes to apply for The Stars Program.

What: Opportunity to receive information to complete the application and request for certification process.

When: 1st Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Allow 60-90 minutes for the meeting.

Where: Virtually on Teams – Join by clicking on one of the links below.

1st Wednesday @
1:00 pm



Join on your computer, mobile app
or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 298 617 455 967

Passcode: TuyW5M

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

3rd Wednesday @
6:00 pm



Join on your computer, mobile app
or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 292 348 243 522

Passcode: RiLTrf

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Contact us at: QRIS@okdhs.org

The Quality & Stabilization Grant

The last cycle of the Quality & Stabilization Grant officially closed on July 31st and the final checks were distributed by paper checks 4-6 weeks from the date of approval. Please check your emails for communication or check the status of your application by visiting [Child Care Grants Login](#).

Questions? Contact our dedicated
Grant Support Child Care Services
Call Center Monday-Friday,
9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Phone: (405) 521-6177
ChildCareGrantsHelp@okdhs.org



CECPD ANNOUNCES FREE MONTHLY COURSES!

October: Hope and Teacher Identity (6 hours)

November: Hope in the Classroom (6 hours)

December: Hope for Administration (6 hours)

For More Details Visit okregistry.org

Get ready to renew your SoonerCare



Coverage

1. Update your contact information

Update your contact information ie: mailing address, email address and phone number.

*Online at mysooner.org

2. Check your mail

Take action quickly to avoid a gap in your coverage.

* Update contact information

* Respond to request for information

Don't miss important **SoonerCare coverage updates!**

Verify your contact information at

MySoonerCare.org



What if you don't qualify for continued coverage?

If you no longer qualify for Medicaid, you may be able to receive health insurance coverage through the ACA marketplace.

* **Affordable:** Low-cost monthly premiums when federal subsidies are applied

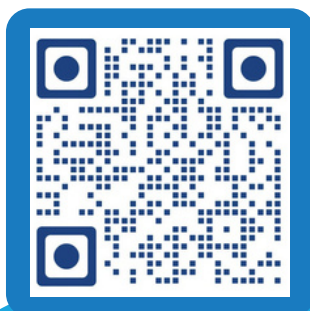
* **Comprehensive:** Plans cover things like prescription drugs, doctor visits, urgent care, hospitals visits and more.

Visit HealthCare.gov to find Marketplace plans and see if you might save on premiums. Deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance apply.

For more information,
visit mysooner.org.



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* Click here for Spanish version

Military Child Care Fee Assistance Program

AVAILABLE IN OKLAHOMA BEGINNING OCTOBER 9, 2023

Oklahoma Child Care Services is excited to announce that we are partnering with the Department of Defense (DOD) in the expansion of the military child care fee assistance program Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN).

MCCYN provides fee assistance for military families who are unable to access on-base child care due to distance or a waitlist. Previously, only a limited number of child care providers were eligible to participate in the MCCYN program. Through this expansion, called MCCYN-PLUS, we will increase the availability of child care options for military families to have greater access to high-quality early care and education experiences for their children.

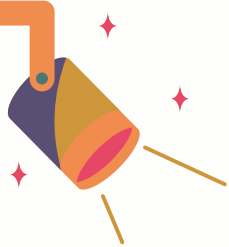
The MCCYN-PLUS program offers center and home-based child care providers throughout the entire state the opportunity to expand their child care business to serve military families. To be eligible to participate in MCCYN-PLUS, Oklahoma licensed child care providers must participate in The Stars Program, the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), at the 4 or 5 Star level.

Interested providers can work with Child Care Aware of America to enroll and verify eligibility requirements.

To learn more about MCCYN-PLUS click [here](#) or contact QRISMCCYNPLUS@usa.childcareaware.org.

For more information about Oklahoma's QRIS, The Stars Program, please click [here](#)





Subsidy Spotlight

Change of Providers



A client can request a change of providers by calling the benefits line at 405-522-5050, visiting any **DHS service center location** or uploading a document to **FastPass**. The client will need to provide their case number, which children are needing the change of providers, the new provider contract number, and the start date of the change.


It is important that while waiting for the case change to be completed by the worker that the client continue to record attendance at your facility even when receiving denied or pending responses. The most reliable way at this time is using their EBT card and swiping attendance on your POS machine. If you allow and the client uses the ECC Connect App, careful recording of attendance is important to ensure they are recording attendance at your contract number and not their previous provider. You can view authorizations and attendance swipes on the **Provider Web**.

Family share co-payments for some families begin October 1, 2023.
Detailed information about collecting family share co-payments can be found in our online handbook.



SCHOLARS CONNECT

HAS LAUNCHED!!



The new scholarship database Scholars Connect has officially launched! Please visit **www.scholars.okhighered.org** to apply. Remember, if you already have Registry ID you will use your same log in and password on the Scholars Connect log in page.



The Oklahoma Autism Network is proud to host the Oklahoma Autism Conference on October 12-13th at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

The theme this year is "Educate. Advocate. Inspire." We chose this focus to highlight the role we all have to support, learn from, and grow with autistic individuals and their families.

There will be sessions available for autistic individuals, families, school and clinic-based providers, as well as exhibitors and resources for Oklahomans.

**To learn more and to register
please use the QR Code or visit
<https://okautism.org/Training/Conference>**



Conference Agenda [here!](#)

FCCH Providers - Join the Thrive Network

Visit the new OPSR website and find the link to join!

<https://www.okschoolreadiness.org/thrive-network>





Pyramid Model Peer Learning Communities

The **ePyramid courses and Peer Learning Communities (PLC)** are designed to add a human touch point and help participants implement Pyramid Model practices. Facilitators will lead participants through reflections and action planning that are structured and inspired by the ePyramid content. More specifically, the sessions are designed to help participants discuss the lessons, provide reflection and ask questions while implementing the practices.

Each course is about 18 hours of course work, including videos, activities, and handouts. The live, facilitated sessions that support each course are made up of either 9, 60 minute sessions or 6, 90 minutes sessions, depending on the option you choose below.

We are offering a variety of courses and meeting times to choose from. First, decide which topic is the best fit for you, Infant/Toddler, Preschool, or Birth to 5. Then **select only one** of the options in that topic. Once registered participants are expected to attend all the sessions in their selected series.



To explore all of the current PLC offerings visit our homepage at
<https://www.pyramidmodel.org/affiliate/oklahoma/>

Infant/Toddler _____

Preschool _____

Birth to 5 English _____

Coming Soon! Birth to 5 Spanish _____



For additional information
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