



Board of Commissioners:
 Greg Hartmann, Chris Monzel, Todd Portune
Interim County Administrator: Christian Sigman
Director: Moira Weir
General Information: (513) 946-1000
General Information TDD: (513) 946-1295
 www.hcjfs.org

222 East Central Parkway • Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 (513) 946-1800 • Fax: (513) 946-1830
 Email: childcare@jfs.hamilton-co.org

April 15, 2011

Dear Child Care Participant,

As you may know, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is making several changes to its Child Care program effective May 1, 2011 that affect caretakers/parents and providers who participate in the subsidized program. These changes follow a review of the program by ODJFS with the intent to to streamline policies, reduce program costs and increase program efficiencies.

These changes include:

- 1.) The range for full-time weekly reimbursement is now the same for **all** providers. Home providers now have the same ranges as licensed child care facilities. Please refer to the below chart for amended ranges:

Weekly Authorization Hours	Weekly Authorization Type
Less than seven hours a week	Hourly
Seven hours to less than 25 hours a week	Part-time
25 hours to 60 hours a week	Full-time
Greater than 60 hours a week	Full-time plus

- 2.) Each child will be assigned to no more than two providers per week. County employees must only authorize a **maximum** of two providers to a child in any given week. Caretakers with more than two providers for any given child will be notified that they must choose only two providers, per child, per week.
- 3.) The authorized child care hours continue to be based on the caretaker’s work or school activities. However, the number of activity hours now determines an authorization type (above) for child care. *(Note: The authorization type is now the same as the provider’s reimbursement rate categories.)*

If the caretaker is eligible for **hourly** child care, the county will authorize **one** of the following options for each child, each week:

- one hourly provider
- two hourly providers

If the caretaker is eligible for **part-time** child care, the county will authorize **one** of the following options for each child, each week:

- one part-time provider
- two part-time providers
- one part-time and one hourly provider
- one hourly provider
- two hourly providers



If the caretaker is eligible for **full-time** child care, the county will authorize **one** of the following options for each child, each week:

- one full-time provider
- one full-time provider and one part-time provider
- one full-time provider and one hourly provider
- two part-time providers
- one part-time and one hourly provider
- one hourly provider
- two hourly providers

If the caretaker is eligible for **full-time plus** child care, the county will authorize **one** of the following options for each child, each week:

- one full-time plus provider
- one full-time plus provider and one part-time provider
- one full-time plus provider and one hourly provider
- one full-time provider and one part-time provider
- one full-time provider and one hourly provider
- two part-time providers
- one part-time and one hourly provider

We will follow up with letters to those specific caretakers with children who were identified to 1) have more than two authorized providers per child, per week and or 2) have authorization types in excess of the option available to them. Please assist us by encouraging caretakers to review their child care arrangements in light of these changes. If you have questions, please contact your designated HCJFS specialist or call 946-1800.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Amy Story
Child Care Section Chief

