



# Child Care & Development Block Grant Reauthorization of 2014

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# Background

- The CCDBG is the federal Child Care Development Block Grant. It supports initiatives to improve the quality of child care, including health and safety practices, as well as supporting the Child Care Assistance Program.
- November 2014 – Reauthorization was signed into law after receiving bipartisan and bicameral support in Congress.
- Fully authorizes the child care program for the first time since 1996 - historic re-envisioning of the CCDBG Act.

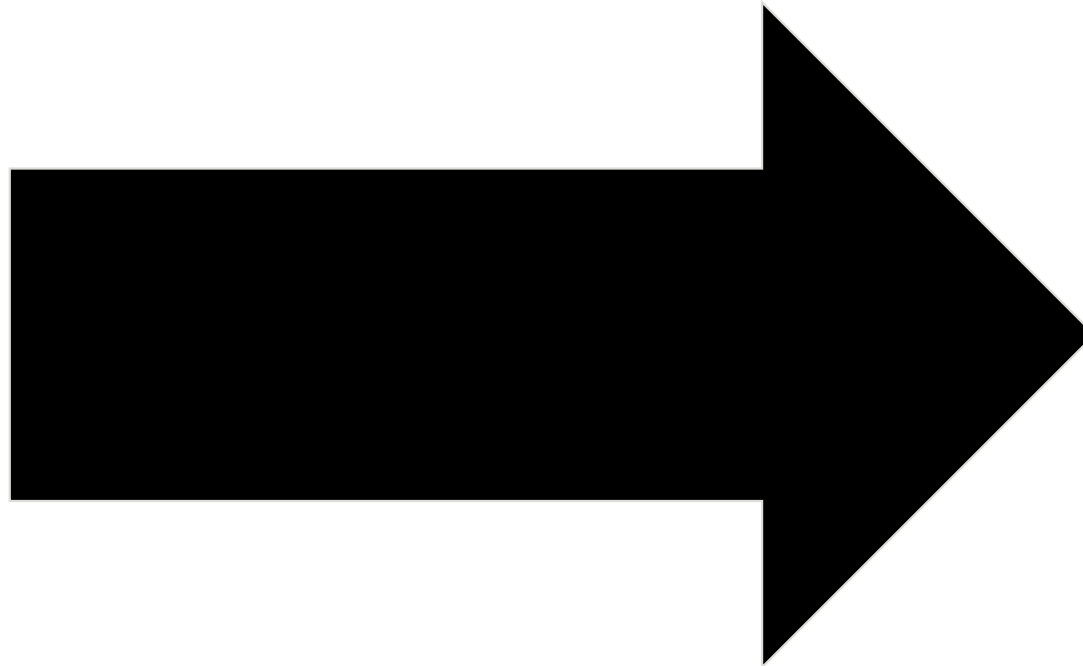
# Key Focus Areas of the CCDBG Reauthorization of 2014

- **Family and Provider-Friendly Eligibility Policies**
- **Updated Reimbursement Rates**
- **Transparent Consumer and Provider Education Information**
- **Health and Safety Requirements for Child Care Providers**

# Family and Provider-Friendly Eligibility Policies

# 12-Month Redeterminations

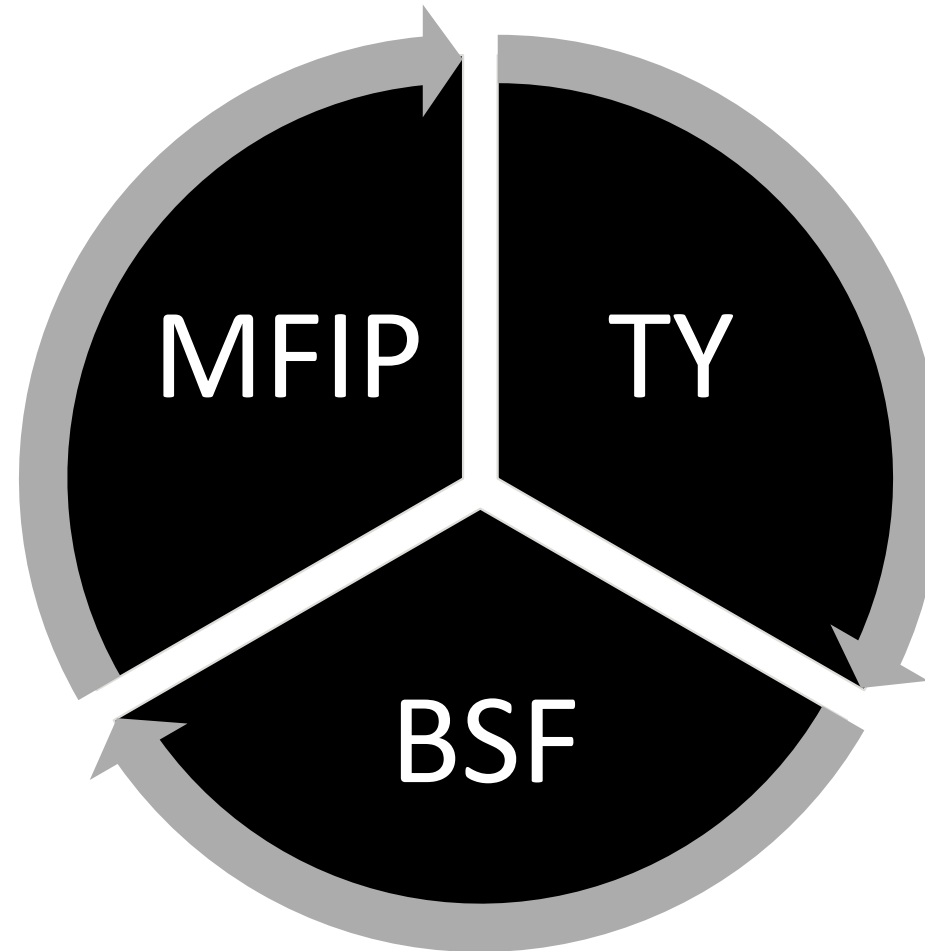
6  
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12  
months

# Continuous Eligibility

**MFIP Child Care**



**Transition Year  
Child Care**

- Allow Education
- Reduce # of months of MFIP receipt required

**Basic Sliding Fee  
Child Care**

Eliminate 6 month limit  
on Portability Pool

# Reporting Requirements

- States must limit reporting requirements between redeterminations to items that impact eligibility or items needed to contact the family or pay providers.
- Currently families are required to report many changes including changes in income, activity, and household composition.

# Copays and Graduated Phase-Out

Copays do not increase during 12 month period.

Assistance continues during 12 month period if income is less than 85% SMI.

## **Family of 3**

47% SMI = \$37,264

67% SMI = \$53,121

85% SMI = \$67,392



# Maintain Consistent Child Care

## **Steady Authorization**

Fewer decreases  
in amount of care  
authorized

## **Employment Requirements**

Care continues if  
work hours  
decrease

## **Temporary Changes**

- medical leave
- school break
- seasonal work

## **Extended Eligibility**

3 months of care  
when work or  
school ends



# Homeless Families

## **Expedited Application**

Application processed within 5 working days. Have up to 3 months to submit verifications.

## **Activity Exemption**

Have up to 3 months to find work, start school, or set up Employment Plan.



# Updated Reimbursement Rates

# Payment Policies

## Update Maximum Rates

Set maximum rates based on the most recent market rate survey.

## Payment Timeframe

Bills paid within 21 days



# Consumer & Provider Education

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- States must make results of monitoring and inspection reports available by electronic means and provider-specific.
- States must also report the number of deaths; serious injuries, and instances of substantiated child abuse occurring in licensed settings each year.
- States must have the information available on their website about the processes for monitoring child care providers and for conducting criminal background checks.

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## Federal requirements:

- Annual inspections and monitoring
- Health and safety standards and training
- Background study requirements





# Annual Inspections and Monitoring

- Requires states to conduct **annual inspections** of all licensed, certified or regulated CCDF providers. States must have reasonable caseloads for state and county staff to enable annual inspections.
- Requires states to have standards for group size limits and appropriate child-to-provider ratios.
- Requires emergency preparedness planning and statewide disaster plans for child care.

# Health & Safety Standards & Training

- Requires states to establish health and safety requirements in 12 different topic areas.
- Child care providers receiving assistance through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program must receive training on such topics

# Background Study Requirements

- Enhanced background study requirements
  - For example, requires states to conduct fingerprint-based, FBI criminal background checks for all child care staff members.
- Who must get one:
  - All staff and caregivers, including staff members who don't care directly for children, but have unsupervised access to children, and specifies disqualifying crimes.

# Bringing Minnesota Into Compliance with the 2014 CCDBG Reauthorization

# Timeline & Effective Dates

- State law must change in order for implementation of these requirements.
- A waiver has been approved through September 30, 2017. If required changes to state law are not made, Minnesota risks losing federal funds.

# Why Compliance Matters

- Without legislative action, Minnesota risks penalties to the primary source of federal funding that helps to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care for families with low income.
- More importantly, changes will benefit Minnesotans.

# Thank you!

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