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HF41 CCAP Rate Increase

This testimony is on behalf of Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN), a 501c3 statewide association for Licensed Child Care Providers.

MCCPIN's focus for public policy and legislation is to 1) support and promote Licensed Family Child Care Providers, 2) ensure safety for children, 3) work with established systems to ensure Licensed Family Child Care is a viable choice for families in Minnesota.

Currently the CCAP rate in Minnesota is low and does not meet Federal Guidelines

The current rate is hurting families and the providers who are caring for their children.

Families and providers are met with a challenging financial arrangement with this low rate:

- The low rate **limits the number of providers available to choose from.**
 - The current rate is based on an older survey so those rates are already low and then to only pay for the lower **percentage limits again the number of providers who would charge that low rate.**
 - **Fewer Family Child Care Providers can afford to accept families CCAP due to the low rate**
- Providers and families are forced into a difficult position to:
 - **Attempt to collect additional fees** from families already having difficulty to 'make up the difference' between the rate granted and the providers rate,
 - **The provider may need to forgive the difference and loses income.**

The Federal Government is directing states to increase rates or loose funding currently available and future funding.

Families and Family Child Care providers need the rate increase and the on-going flow of monies into CCAP. The financial struggles families using CCAP and the providers that serve them was difficult before the pandemic. It will be even more of a struggle as we move through this health crisis.

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The mission of the Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN) is to support, promote and strengthen the profession of licensed family child care, thereby enriching the lives of providers, children, families, and communities.