Department of Human Services

Division of Family Development

Advance Notice of Rulemaking

Child Care

Regulatory Amendments regarding Child Care Assistance Programs (formerly known as New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK))

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Jersey Department of Human Services (Department), Division of Family Development (DFD) intends to propose amendments to the former New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK) Program, codified at N.J.A.C. 10:15, which is now known as the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

The proposed amendments and repeals bring the chapter into compliance with certain provisions of the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-186) and final rules of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) (45 CFR Part 98), as well as update outdated references, programs, and procedures.

DFD is updating the chapter by:

1. Eliminating obsolete definitions and amending certain definitions for clarity;
2. Adding new definitions;
3. Replacing obsolete procedures with current practices, such as publication of materials online;
4. Repealing obsolete programs and incorporating current programs;
5. Clarifying family and provider eligibility requirements and payment policies consistent with federal regulations;
6. Establishing a new payment rate for drop-in care; and
7. Providing grammatical corrections.

Interested parties may submit informal comments on this advance notice within thirty (30) days of its publication on the Department of Human Services’ website. Please submit your informal comments to:

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You will also have a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on any actual proposed amendments subsequent to the publication of such proposal in the [**New Jersey Register**](https://advance.lexis.com/container?config=00JABkMGM5YTkyOS1lZWRkLTRmMTktOTAxMS03YzU0MTU1ZWY0OWYKAFBvZENhdGFsb2deD7LQBBLcCbuY7q4FNupa&crid=4936a441-7913-45ea-b4cf-ef089474cb77&prid=24da591a-0768-4623-84e7-7861ba04d73b). Such proposal will also be published on the Department of Human Services’ website.