

STATE OF MICHIGAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE (CDC) HANDBOOK



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CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE

General Information

INTRODUCTION

For many families, the cost of safe, quality child care can affect the family budget. The Child Development and Care (CDC) Program may offer payment assistance for child care services for families when the parent is not able to provide child care because of:

- [Employment](#)
- [High school completion](#)
- [Approved activity](#)
- [Family preservation](#)

This handbook provides:

- General information about the CDC Program for parents and providers.
- Additional provider information.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE (CDC) PROGRAM APPLICATION

Families seeking help with child care costs must complete an application.

Families can apply online at www.mibridges.michigan.gov or submit a paper application at their local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) office.

To get a paper application for any assistance program, use the [Application for Assistance](#). For a paper application for child care assistance only, go to [CDC Program Application](#).

A family seeking help with the application process (or ongoing eligibility), from an individual or an agency, can give permission to MDHHS to release or share their case information. A written request can be submitted to the MDHHS case worker and must include all of the following:

- Applicant/client signature
- Current date
- Person/agency to whom information can be released
- If/when the approval ends
- The information to be released (either a list of certain information, or a release of any information requested)

CDC eligibility decisions are generally made within 30 calendar days of submitting a complete application. The Department will then send a letter notifying the family of the eligibility decision.

For a list of local MDHHS offices, please see the [MDHHS Local Office List](#).

Note: Families have the option of using [MiBridges](#) to check the status of their CDC benefits and submit changes.

AUTHORIZATION

Once CDC assistance has been approved and authorized, parents and providers will be mailed an authorization notice indicating that billing can begin. This authorization notice shows:

- The child's name and ID number
- The begin date of child care assistance for each child

- The number of child care hours authorized for a pay period
- [Family Contribution](#) — The biweekly per child amount that an income eligible family has deducted from their provider’s payment
- The benefit end date of child care assistance for each child. If the benefit start and end date is missing from the authorization letter, and hours shown are “0”, child care is not authorized

Note: DHS-4025 Provider Verification Form: A client may have a CDC case open and hours authorized, but the provider will not be able to bill until the DHS-4025 has been received and processed by MDHHS. The provider will not be authorized for payments back more than 60 days from when the DHS-4025 is received.

Please note that the number of hours that have been authorized for a pay period, shown on the authorization notice, is the maximum number of hours a provider could be reimbursed by the CDC program. See [Billing Do’s and Don’ts](#) for rules about billing the CDC program.

PARENT AND PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP

When a parent chooses a provider, the parent and provider are forming a business relationship with each other.

This agreement between the parent and provider may be in writing and should at least cover:

- How payment will be made
- Hours of care
- When payment is expected
- Notice of when care is no longer needed
- Child absence/withdrawal policy

The parent is responsible for any child care charges not paid by the Department. The parent must also pay for the cost of any care provided before being authorized for CDC or before the child care provider becomes eligible to receive CDC payments.

Providers who are providing care in the home of the child(ren) are employed by the parent of the child and are considered to be a household employee under federal law. In these cases, the parent is required to:

- Pay the employer’s share of any employer’s taxes that need to be paid, such as:
 - Social Security
 - Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) taxes, and,
 - Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) taxes
 - Provide a W-2 Form to their child care provider at the end of the year for tax reporting purposes

Providers who are providing care in their own home, not the home of the child(ren), are considered self-employed. Parents are NOT required to issue a W-2 Form or Form 1099-MISC to unlicensed providers caring for children in the provider’s home.

For more information about care provided in the child’s home (in-home care) and the parent/employer obligations, please see [IRS Publication 926](#), or call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at 1-800-829-1040.

All child care providers must ensure that parents/substitute parents have unlimited access to their children whenever they are in care.

A parent may choose to have more than one child care provider assigned per child. The Department will only pay up to the maximum authorized hours per pay period per child regardless of the number of providers on a parent’s case. Any child care expenses not paid by the Department are the responsibility of the parent.

UNLICENSED PROVIDER TRAINING

The following provides information on unlicensed provider levels.

Level 1 (Required):

Unlicensed CDC providers are required to complete a one-time basic training requirement. This seven-hour training called Great Start to Quality Orientation training costs \$10 and covers the following topics:

- American Heart Association first aid and CPR certification course
- Nutrition
- Health and safety
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Safe sleep practices
- Age-appropriate child development

To find local Great Start to Quality Orientation trainings, please visit www.GreatStarttoQuality.org or call 1-877-614-7328.

Providers with registered nursing certificates and those working in a licensed or registered child care facility may be eligible for a waiver from Level 1 training. Please contact the Great Start to Quality Resource Center at 1-877-614-7328 to request a waiver.

Once all eligibility criteria have been met, including the Great Start to Quality Orientation training, a child care provider may be eligible to bill retroactively (back-bill) for care provided up to 30 calendar days before he or she completed training.

Note: A provider is not eligible for payment prior to the provider's application date.

Level 2 (Optional):

There is an opportunity for unlicensed CDC providers to earn a higher hourly rate by completing 10 more hours of approved training per year in the following topics.

- Child Development- Basic Ages/Stages and What You Do
- Behavior Management and Discipline
- Activities to Help Children Learn
- Interactions and Relationship
- Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Caring for Children with Special Needs
- Accessing Community Resources
- Communication Skills
- Business Basics

Providers will be eligible for the Level 2 rate for one year from the date they complete a total of 10 hours of approved training.

Ten hours of additional training is required each year prior to provider's Level 2 expiration date or the provider's rate will revert back to Level 1 rate.

Note: There may be a cost for some Level 2 trainings.

To find an approved local Level 2 training, please visit www.GreatStarttoQuality.org or call 1-877-614-7328.

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Family size, income level, and other eligibility factors affect whether there is a family contribution (FC), and the amount of the FC.

For families who are receiving FIP/TANF, children in foster care, homeless or migrant children, or children with open Child Protective Services (CPS) cases, income is not considered for eligibility, and the child will have a \$0 family contribution. For families who do not meet any of these criteria, please refer to the chart below to determine income eligibility.

Family contribution (FC) amounts are per child, per every two-week pay period, with a maximum amount (FC limit) per family per every two-week pay period.

Each family, whose application or redetermination is on or after April 1, 2017, is responsible to pay the FC amount *based on the chart below* to the child care provider. This FC amount is subtracted from the provider payment issued by the Department.

**Chart 1: Family Contribution (FC) Based on Income Eligibility
(Effective 10/1/2017)**

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income						Exit
	Entry						
1	\$ 1005	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,628	\$ 1,949	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,592	\$ 2,913
2	\$ 1,353	\$ 1,759	\$ 2,169	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,989	\$ 3,399	\$ 3,809
3	\$ 1,702	\$ 2,213	\$ 2,711	\$ 3,210	\$ 3,708	\$ 4,207	\$ 4,705
4	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,665	\$ 3,252	\$ 3,839	\$ 4,427	\$ 5,014	\$ 5,601
5	\$ 2,398	\$ 3,117	\$ 3,793	\$ 4,496	\$ 5,145	\$ 5,821	\$ 6,497
6	\$ 2,747	\$ 3,571	\$ 4,336	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,865	\$ 6,629	\$ 7,394
7	\$ 3,095	\$ 4,024	\$ 4,732	\$ 5,439	\$ 6,147	\$ 6,854	\$ 7,562
8	\$ 3,443	\$ 4,476	\$ 5,127	\$ 5,778	\$ 6,428	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,730
9	\$ 3,791	\$ 4,928	\$ 5,522	\$ 6,116	\$ 6,710	\$ 7,304	\$ 7,898
10	\$ 4,139	\$ 5,381	\$ 5,918	\$ 6,455	\$ 6,992	\$ 7,529	\$ 8,066
FC (Per child per pay period)	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$90
FC Limit (per family per pay period)	N/A	\$45	\$83	\$121	\$159	\$197	\$235

* The parent is responsible for any child care charges not paid by the Department. Please refer to the Parent and Provider Relationship section for more information.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER RATES

Licensed/Registered Child Care Providers

The CDC program pays higher reimbursement rates to licensed and registered child care providers with a 2-Star Rating or higher in Great Start to Quality. Additionally, children attending a 3, 4, or 5-star program will not have a family contribution amount deducted. To learn more about participating in Great Start to Quality visit www.GreatStarttoQuality.org or contact 1-877-614-7328.

Unlicensed Child Care Providers

The CDC program pays higher reimbursement rates to unlicensed providers who complete 10 hours of approved training per year beyond the required Great Start to Quality Orientation training. Go to [Great Start to Quality](#) for more information about Level 2 training.

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) CDC program hourly rates, effective pay period 716 (7/23/17 – 8/5/17).

Provider Type	Star Rating	Birth to Age 2 1/2	Over Age 2 1/2
Child Care Center	Base Rate (Blank Star)	\$4.00	\$2.75
	1 Star	\$4.00	\$2.75
	2 Star	\$4.25	\$3.00
	3 Star	\$4.75	\$3.50
	4 Star	\$5.00	\$3.75
	5 Star	\$5.50	\$4.25
Group and Family Home	Base Rate (Blank Star)	\$3.15	\$2.65
	1 Star	\$3.15	\$2.65
	2 Star	\$3.40	\$2.90
	3 Star	\$3.90	\$3.40
	4 Star	\$4.15	\$3.65
	5 Star	\$4.65	\$4.15
Unlicensed	Base Rate (Level 1)	\$1.60	\$1.60
	Level 2	\$2.95	\$2.60

PAYMENTS

Payments are based on the parent's eligibility and provider's billing information submitted to the Department. Payments are for a two-week period and are paid every two weeks. The estimated check mailing date and [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\)](#) deposit dates are listed on the [CDC Payment Schedule](#). Provider billing information submitted after the deadline, but within 7 days of the deadline, will be paid the following week.

CDC payments will be paid after the provider's billing information has been submitted and processed.

- Payments for care provided by a child care center, group home, family home, or license-exempt provider are issued directly to the provider in the provider's name
 - In order to receive CDC payments providers are required to register on the State of Michigan, [Vendor Self Service \(VSS\)](#). Instructions for registering can be found at the above link.
- Payments for care provided by an unlicensed provider are issued directly to the parent in

the parent's name. The parent is responsible for paying the unlicensed provider

- Parents and unlicensed providers are not eligible for Direct Deposit/EFT

PAYMENT DELAYS

Problems in processing billings, incorrect addresses, missing or wrong information, and other unforeseen situations or events may cause payments to be made later than the anticipated dates. Providers should plan for payments to be paid later, especially after State of Michigan holidays.

Licensed and registered providers are encouraged to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

OVERPAYMENTS

Providers are required to give correct information to the Department. Receiving payment for care that was not provided means the provider payment was more than it should have been.

CDC overpayments to parents or providers, including those due to Department errors, must be reported to the CDC Office at 1-866-990-3227 right away.

Send overpayments to:

State of Michigan
MDE Child Development and Care – Cashier Unit
PO Box 30382
Lansing, MI 48909

Make checks payable to "State of Michigan." Include the following information with the payment:

- Parent's name
- Case number
- Child's name
- Child's recipient ID number
- Provider's name and address
- Provider ID number
- Pay period end dates of overpayment
- Reason for overpayment

Note: The information must be included with the payment. If this information is not included, payment may not be applied correctly to the balance.

The Department will accept lump-sum payments, or will collect repayments by taking up to 20% from future child care provider payments for those who do not make a lump-sum payment. Providers may call 866-990-3227 to arrange a monthly repayment plan.

Giving false information to the Department, including false billing information:

- May be fraud
- May be given to the MDHHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) for investigation
- May result in recoupment
- May result in disqualification from the CDC program
- Could lead to civil or criminal actions (such as going to court, paying a fine, or going to jail)

QUESTIONS ABOUT BILLING, PAYMENTS OR PINS

Call the CDC office at 1-866-990-3227, option 2, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For security purposes, providers will be asked to provide identifying information.

PROGRAM VIOLATIONS

In order to be eligible to participate in the CDC program, parents and providers are required to comply with the CDC program rules as outlined in this handbook.

The list below includes the rule violations which will result in a **parent’s disqualification**:

1. Failure to provide accurate eligibility information.
2. Failure to verify eligibility information.
3. Failure to cooperate with a Department investigation.
4. Failure to report changes timely and accurately.

PROVIDER TIME AND ATTENDANCE REVIEWS

The CDC office will request time and attendance records from randomly selected providers to determine compliance with program requirements. The CDC office will determine if provider’s time and attendance records are accurate, whether a provider error has been made or if providers have committed an intentional program violation (IPV). Provider errors will result in a violation notice being sent to the provider. The violation notice may require the provider to complete a training tutorial related to the error. Multiple violation notices and IPVs may lead to a program disqualification.

Provider Errors

Examples of provider errors are:

- Math errors
- Caring and billing for more children than allowed
- Providing care in wrong location
- Unlicensed providers failing to use the required CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record
- Time and attendance records missing:
 - Parent/provider certifications
 - Day/date
 - Total number of child care hours
 - Children’s names
 - In/out times

Intentional Program Violations (IPV)

Examples of IPVs:

- Billing for children while they are in school
- Two instances of failing to respond to request for time and attendance records
- Billing for children no longer in care
- Knowingly billing for children not in care or more hours than children were in care
- Maintaining records that do not accurately reflect the time children were in care

Disqualifications

Providers determined to have committed an IPV will serve the following penalties:

- 6 months for the first occurrence
- 12 months for the second occurrence
- Lifetime for the third occurrence

Note to Parents: If a chosen child care provider is disqualified for a CDC rule violation, parents remain eligible for CDC, but will need to choose another provider and notify their local MDHHS eligibility specialist as soon as possible.

RESOURCES

Child Care Licensing (BCHS)

The Child Care Licensing Division, a part of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS), conducts onsite inspections to determine compliance with state law and licensing rules, provides technical assistance and consultation to improve the quality of service and investigates complaints alleging violations of licensing rules or law. The Child Care Licensing Division regulates family child care homes (1 to 6 children), group child care homes (7 to 12 children) and child care centers. Call BCHS at 1-866-685-0006 to get more information on becoming licensed or visit www.michigan.gov/michildcare for more information about licensed child care.

Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC)

Website: www.ecic4kids.org

E-mail:

info@ecic4kids.org

Contact: 517-371-9000

The Early Childhood Investment Corporation works to promote and implement innovative, high quality, research-based early childhood practices and policies that support a comprehensive, statewide early childhood system that will ensure every child's future success and the future success of the State of Michigan. Its work is grounded in the following values: collaboration, innovation, action, family focus, community focus, equity, engagement, professionalism, and accountability.

Great Start to Quality (Michigan's Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System)

Website:

www.GreatStarttoQuality.org

E-mail: GreatStarttoQuality@ecic4kids.org

Contact: 1-877-614-7328

Great Start to Quality makes it easy for families to identify quality child care and preschool, helping them get the best for their child and the most for their money.

The easy-to-use website, www.GreatStarttoQuality.org helps families find and compare early childhood programs and providers based on state quality standards for care, safety, professionalism and early learning. Go to www.GreatStarttoQuality.org to search for child care or preschool.

Great Start to Quality Resource Centers across the state offer families and providers access to free resources through lending libraries that include books and other learning materials to use with children. Great Start to Quality Resource Centers across the state support early childhood providers in their efforts to improve their programs by providing the following services and supports:

- Professional development and training

- Quality improvement consultation and coaching
- Free resources through lending libraries, and help with the rating process

Teacher Education And Compensation Helps® (T.E.A.C.H.)

Website: www.miaeyc.org/TEACH.htm

E-mail: TEACH@miaeyc.org

Contact: 1-866-MITEACH (1-866-648-3224)

This is a scholarship program for providers working in a licensed or registered early childhood program. This program helps cover most of the tuition and book costs, provides a travel allowance, and offers release time and a bonus for ongoing educational attainment. Providers must continue to work in the early childhood field at their child care setting or home program. Scholarships are available for associate or bachelor degrees in Early Childhood Education or Child Development and to help cover the cost of the Child Development Associate (CDA) fees.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Website: www.michigan.gov/cacfp

E-mail: MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov

Contact: 517-373-7391

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program administered by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). This program may help child care centers, group and family child care homes and unlicensed providers who provide child care in their home (not the home of the child) with the cost of meals and snacks given to children in their care. To find the contact information for a local CACFP sponsor, go to the [Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) sponsor list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS

This part of the handbook gives information for CDC providers about the CDC program and billing procedures for children. More information about the CDC Program can be found at www.michigan.gov/childcare.

ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

To be paid for the care of CDC children, care must be provided in Michigan and the provider must be a(n):

Child Care Center – A facility, other than a private home, **licensed** to care for one or more children.

Group Child Care Home – A private home **licensed** to care for up to 12 children at a time.

Family Child Care Home – A private home **registered** to care for up to 6 children at a time.

Unlicensed CDC Provider - An unlicensed child care provider is an adult who is 18 years or older, enrolled by MDE to provide child care for up to six children at a time, and one of the following applies:

- Is providing care where the child(ren) lives.
- Is providing care in the provider's home and is related to the child(ren) by blood, marriage or adoption as a:
 - (Great) Grandparent.
 - (Great) Aunt or Uncle.
 - Sibling (only if the provider and the child do not live together).

A divorce ends a relationship gained through marriage.

Unlicensed CDC Providers who are not related to the child can only provide care in the child's home.

License-Exempt Child Care Facilities-

- A child care facility located on federal land
- A child care facility where all parents are onsite and available

License-Exempt Child Care Facilities are enrolled by the Michigan Department of Education. Providers wishing to be licensed as a child care center/group child care home or registered as a family child care home, call the Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) toll free at 1-866-685-0006 or visit: www.michigan.gov/michildcare.

Providers are not employed by the State of Michigan or the CDC Program and are not eligible for unemployment insurance.

ENROLLING TO BE AN UNLICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER

To be enrolled as an unlicensed child care provider:

1. Complete the CDC Unlicensed Provider Application.
 - The application, which can be found at www.michigan.gov/childcare
 - Gives the Department basic information about the provider
 - Allows the Department to complete criminal background clearances on providers and adult household members
 - Certifies the provider understands and meets the requirements to provide child care and get payment for CDC children
2. Fax the application and proof of age, identity, residential address, and a copy of the provider's Social Security card to the CDC office within MDE at 1-517-284-7529 or mail to the address below:

Child Development and Care Program
Unlicensed Provider Enrollments
P.O. Box 30267
Lansing, MI 48909

Only submit this application to the CDC office.

A list of acceptable proofs can be found at www.michigan.gov/childcare; click on the provider section.

3. Prior to the enrollment, providers will be contacted at the phone number listed on the application for a mandatory phone interview.

A person who is eligible to be a CDC provider and has not already completed the Great Start to Quality Orientation training, must complete this required one-time \$10 training. Child care provided more than 30 calendar days before the training has been completed is not eligible for payment by the Department, so it's important to complete the training as soon as possible.

To find local training, please visit www.GreatStarttoQuality.org or call 1-877-614-7328.

Note: When Great Start to Quality Orientation training is not completed within 4 months of an approved application, or when there is no billing for 12 continuous months, the provider ID will automatically be closed and providers will need to re-apply following the steps above.

REPORTING CHANGES

Unlicensed child care providers must report the following changes to MDE by calling 1-866-990-3227 within 10 calendar days of the occurrence:

- A change in name
- A change in address
- A change in the adults living in the home (including when an individual living in the home turns 18)

Failure to report changes to the Department may result in disenrollment or disqualification from the CDC program.

Note: Licensed or registered child care providers must report changes to their licensing consultant.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

All CDC providers must keep complete and accurate records of **daily** time and attendance for each CDC child in care. The [CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record](http://www.michigan.gov/childcare), which can be found at www.michigan.gov/childcare, must be used by unlicensed providers. These time and attendance records must be kept for **4 years** from the date of care. These records must be made available to an employee of the Department or the Auditor General if asked.

To get the CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record, and other helpful forms, can be found at the [Child Development and Care website](http://www.michigan.gov/childdevelopment). Please see an example of the form below.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE (CDC) DAILY TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORD

Michigan Department of Education



Provider Name		Provider ID Number			Pay Period Number		Page Number	
Child Information	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Date								
Child Full Name								
Begin Time	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	
End Time	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	: AM/PM	
Absence Hours								
Parent Initials								

I certify the following information:

The above billing information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge based on available information.

I know I must keep complete and accurate records for each approved CDC child in care for four years, showing time of arrival and departure for each child on a daily basis.

I understand that if benefits are overpaid for any reason, the extra benefits received will have to be repaid. If intentional misrepresentation caused the overpayment, the responsible party, including any adult in the program group or the group's authorized representative or provider of goods or services, may be disqualified from the program and/or prosecuted for fraud.

Provider Signature:	Date:	Confirmation Number
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Licensed and registered providers are not required to use the CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record, but must maintain records showing the:

- Child(ren)'s full name
- Dates for each day care was provided for the children or billed for absence hours during the pay period
- Daily care begin time and daily care end time for each child
- **The provider and the parent must certify the daily attendance records are accurate:**

- The provider must sign the time and attendance records
- The parent must sign or initial daily to show that they agree with the information on the time and attendance records, including absence hours

It is recommended that licensed and registered providers also include the child(ren)'s age, pay period number, and provider ID.

IMPORTANT: Providers must supply information to the Department when asked. Department payments may have to be returned and providers may be disqualified if requested time and attendance records are not provided during an audit or investigation by the Department.

PROVIDER BILLING

To be paid, billing information must be submitted to the Department for CDC children using [I-Billing](#) (Internet Billing).

Providers will need to have:

- Provider ID number
- Personal identification number (PIN)
- The pay period number (see [Payment Schedule](#))
- Accurate and complete time and attendance records

Note: To receive payments, billing must be submitted within 90 days of care being authorized/provided.

PINS

A PIN for the I-Billing system will be mailed to first time providers. Providers who have been authorized previously and do not remember their PIN will need to request a replacement. The provider should be the only one who knows their PIN, and will be responsible for any use of the PIN. Do not share this information with anyone.

First-time issued PINs will have to be changed. PINs must be 6 digits long.

A [Provider PIN Training webinar](#) can be found on the CDC website.

To change a PIN:

Log in to [I-Billing](#), click on the "Change PIN" button at the bottom of the main menu screen. PINs will have to be changed every 180 days in I- Billing.

To replace PINs:

Lost or misplaced PINs may be reissued. Replacement PINs can be requested by the provider in any of the three ways outlined below:

1. *In I-Billing:*

The first time a provider logs-in they must select and answer three security questions. An email address may be provided so future PIN resets can be received electronically. When using the Reset PIN link in I-Billing the provider will answer their chosen security questions and select to send the PIN by e-mail *or* regular mail. If an email is not on file, the PIN will be sent to the provider's mailing address.

Security questions or e-mail addresses may be updated using the Change Security or Change Email buttons in I-Billing.

2. By phone:

Lost or forgotten PINs may be replaced by calling the CDC office at 1-866-990-3227.

3. By fax:

Providers may ask for a new PIN by faxing the CDC office at 1-517-284-7529. The request should be in writing and include the following:

- Provider name.
- Current address (copy of driver's license or state ID, front and back).
- Provider ID number.
- Telephone number.
- Signature.

Note: Only the provider can request a replacement PIN. Please allow 10 business days for mail delivery.

BILLING "DOs" and "DON'Ts"

Billing "**DOs**"

1. **DO** bill the Department only for the hours the child was ACTUALLY in care.
2. **DO** bill the Department for [child absence hours](#) ONLY if the child is not in attendance on a day the child would normally be in care.
3. **DO** remember that [child absence hours](#) are limited to 208 hours per child per fiscal year (October 1 - September 30). Charges for any child absence hours over this limit are the parent's responsibility.
4. **DO** keep COMPLETE time and attendance records for 4 years, including child care hours and absence hours. The Department maintains the right to request this information at any time.

Billing "**DON'Ts**"

1. Providers cannot charge CDC clients more than they charge the general public (including their own employees). If the provider provides child care at no cost to the general public, payment cannot be authorized to the provider.
2. **DON'T** allow the parent to bill on the provider's behalf. The parent of the children in care cannot act as the provider's billing representative.
3. **DON'T** bill the Department for the hours a child is in school.
4. **DON'T** bill [child absence hours](#) after the child's last day in attendance.
5. **DON'T** bill the Department for care when the provider has already received or expects to receive reimbursement from another source (state department, a non-custodial parent, employer, etc.).

BILLING ACCEPTABLE CHILD ABSENCE HOURS

- **In order to bill absence hours for a child, the child must be absent on a day the child would normally be in the provider's care**

For example: If the child is normally in the provider's care on Wednesdays for 6 hours and the child is absent, the provider should only bill 6 absence hours for that child, for that day.

- **There are 208 Absence Hours Available Per Fiscal Year for each Child**

208 Absence Hours are available for each child for the period of Oct. 1st – Sept. 30th (fiscal year). Only bill absence hours when a child is absent. Bill only for the number of hours the child would normally be in the provider's care.

Note: Do not bill absence hours when a child is in the provider's care. Charges for any child absence hours over the 208-hour limit are the parent's responsibility.

- **Absent Hours Should Not Be Billed After the Child's Last Day In Attendance**

Child absence hours should not be billed after the child's last day in attendance. If a provider recognizes that they have been billing for a child that will not be returning, they should contact the CDC office at 1-866-990-3227. CDC will give instructions on how to return the money paid for absence hours for the child.

- **Absent Hours Should have Daily Parent Certifications**

In order to bill child absence hours, the hours must be clearly documented on the provider's time and attendance records. The entry must indicate the number of hours the child was absent and the date the absence occurred.

BILLING HELP

To receive additional billing help, call the [CDC office](tel:1-866-990-3227) at 1-866-990-3227-- Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Provider Training Modules

There are three [Provider training modules](#) available for providers to view. These training modules have been developed as a resource for providers based on feedback received from program administrators, providers, and partners across the state of Michigan. Providers are encouraged to view all three modules.

Module 1: [Use of the Michigan's Child Development and Care I-Billing System](#) – This training provides helpful information and resources to support providers as they access the Child Development and Care (CDC) I-Billing System.

Module 2: [Strategies for Building Positive Parent-Provider Relationships](#) – This training provides additional resources for providers in their role and helps them examine their business practices.

Module 3: [Tracking Time and Attendance](#) – This training provides support to providers as they use the I-Billing System. This module reviews how to track a child's time and attendance properly and in compliance with the CDC Program.

Providers will receive a printable certificate of completion at the end of each module for their records.

Note: Providers who have committed a Program Violation may be required to complete training modules before future billings may be submitted. Providers will be notified of this requirement by letter.

PROVIDER PAYMENTS

The Department payment amount may not cover all child care expenses. The parent is responsible for any additional charges.

The Department limits the total number of hours of care for a pay period for all providers except Child Care Centers.

- Unlicensed CDC Providers will not be paid for more than 630 total hours per pay period for all children in care
- Family Child Care Homes will not be paid for more than 1,080 total hours per pay period for all children in care
- Group Child Care Homes will not be paid for more than 2,160 total hours per pay period for all children in care

Parents are responsible for any hours of care that are over these limits.

Note: Child absence hours are limited to 208 hours per child per fiscal year. Any child absence hours charged by the provider over this 208 hour limit are the parent's responsibility.

IRS REPORTING

Licensed and Registered Providers:

The Department reports payments made to licensed and registered providers to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). IRS Form 1099-MISC is mailed to these providers by early February. For IRS information, go to www.irs.gov.

Requests for 1099's for Licensed and Registered Providers are to be directed to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) at 1-888-734-9749. Requests for duplicate 1099s issued after 2012 should be referred to OFM, as well.

Licensed and Registered Providers may request duplicate and/or **corrected** 1099s issued during the years **2004-2012** from the CDC office by calling 1-866-990-3227.

Unlicensed Providers:

If the child care was provided in the child(ren)'s home, not the home of the unlicensed provider, the parent is considered to be the employer of the provider and, as such, is responsible for filing a Form W-2 and withholding Social Security and income tax. In order to help with this required tax reporting, Unlicensed CDC Providers and the parent of the child(ren) in care are mailed an Annual Statement each January showing all MDHHS payments made in the previous calendar year.

If the child care was provided in the home of the unlicensed provider, the parent is **NOT** responsible for issuing tax forms (Form 1099-MISC or Form W-2) to the provider.

Unlicensed providers may request duplicate 1099s for the years 2004 up to 2013 as well as Annual Statement of Payments from CDC by calling 1-866-990-3227.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

The Department encourages licensed and registered providers to sign up for direct deposit. Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) prevents the chance for a lost or stolen CDC check because payment is deposited directly into the provider's bank account. Parents and unlicensed providers are not eligible for Direct Deposit/EFT.

Licensed and registered providers may sign up for Direct Deposit/EFT at the State of Michigan-[Vendor Self Service](#) page.

For questions or help with this process, call the Vendor Support call center, at 1-888-734-9749.

PROVIDER DUTIES

- Keep accurate time and attendance records for four years for all of the children in care
 - Reminder: The CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record is required for all Unlicensed CDC Providers. Go to www.michigan.gov/childcare to get the form
- Bill only for the actual hours the child(ren) is in the provider's care (see [child absence hours](#) for exceptions)
- Keep Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) private
- Cooperate during an investigation
- **Report fraudulent child care activity** right away by calling 1-800-222-8558 or by submitting an online complaint by going to the [Child Care Licensing Division](#)

CENTRALIZED INTAKE FOR ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Centralized Intake accepts and processes reports of alleged abuse and neglect of children and/or adults 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To report suspected abuse or neglect, please call 1-855-444-3911.

Reminder: Licensed and registered providers are required by law to immediately report suspected child abuse and neglect.

WELFARE FRAUD

The crime of Welfare Fraud (MCL 400.60) includes, but is not limited to:

- Intentionally billing for hours when:
 - Child care services were not provided
 - The person watching the child(ren) was not authorized
 - The child is no longer in care
 - The child(ren) was in school
 - The provider was working at another job
 - The provider provided care for more than the number of children they are supposed to during the same hours
- Selling or giving a PIN to a person who should not have it

GLOSSARY

Approved Activity: Includes participating in Michigan Works! Agency or one-stop service center activities, approved education (other than high school completion) and other employment programs, or attending compliance test activities.

Authorized Activity: The parent(s) need reasons.

- Employment
- High school completion
- Approved activity
- Family preservation

BCHS: Bureau of Community and Health Systems (formerly BCAL – Bureau of Child and Adult Licensing)

Child Development and Care (CDC): The unit within the Office of Great Start that helps with child care billing and payment issues, as well as PIN resets.

Check/EFT: Form of payment paid by the Department for child care services provided for subsidy-eligible children.

Child absence hours: Child absence hours may be billed for any periods in which the child is not in care when he/she would have normally been in attendance. This includes periods when the provider is open for business, as well as when the facility is closed. Child absence hours cannot be billed after the child's last day in attendance. The CDC program limits child absence hour billing to 208 hours per child per fiscal year.

Employment: Activity where a person legally works and earns money.

Family Contribution: The biweekly amount that is deducted from the provider's payment per child, per pay period.

Family preservation: Includes participating in an approved counseling or treatment program for a physical, emotional or mental condition.

Fiscal year: A period of 12 months which for the State of Michigan is from Oct. 1 of any given year to Sept. 30 of the following year.

High school completion: Includes general educational development (GED), adult basic education (ABE) and English as a second language (ESL) classes.

LARA: Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

MDHHS: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (formerly DHS).

Statement of Payments (DHS-1381): A detailed report of all payment information, such as, adjustments, errors, payments made and late reports, for the pay period date.

Time and attendance records: A written record of the day and hour care begins and end time for each authorized child in the provider's care. The records must be kept for 4 years and must be certified by the parent. Unlicensed providers MUST use the CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record.

CDC 2017 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The CDC Payment Schedule gives the Pay Period Dates, Pay Period Numbers, Billing Deadline Dates, and the estimated Check/EFT Date.

Pay Period Dates	Pay Period Number	Billing Deadline Date	Check/EFT Issue Date
12/25/2016 - 1/7/2017	701	1/12/2017	1/20/2017
1/8/2017 - 1/21/2017	702	1/26/2017	2/2/2017
1/22/2017 - 2/4/2017	703	2/9/2017	2/16/2017
2/5/2017 - 2/18/2017	704	2/23/2017	3/2/2017
2/19/2017 - 3/4/2017	705	3/9/2017	3/16/2017
3/5/2017 - 3/18/2017	706	3/23/2017	3/30/2017
3/19/2017 - 4/1/2017	707	4/6/2017	4/13/2017
4/2/2017 - 4/15/2017	708	4/20/2017	4/27/2017
4/16/2017 - 4/29/2017	709	5/4/2017	5/11/2017
4/30/2017 - 5/13/2017	710	5/18/2017	5/25/2017
5/14/2017 - 5/27/2017	711	6/1/2017	6/8/2017
5/28/2017 - 6/10/2017	712	6/15/2017	6/22/2017
6/11/2017 - 6/24/2017	713	6/29/2017	7/7/2017
6/25/2017 - 7/8/2017	714	7/13/2017	7/20/2017
7/9/2017 - 7/22/2017	715	7/27/2017	8/3/2017
7/23/2017 - 8/5/2017	716	8/10/2017	8/17/2017
8/6/2017 - 8/19/2017	717	8/24/2017	8/31/2017
8/20/2017 - 9/2/2017	718	9/7/2017	9/14/2017
9/3/2017 - 9/16/2017	719	9/21/2017	9/28/2017
9/17/2017 - 9/30/2017	720	10/5/2017	10/12/2017
10/1/2017 - 10/14/2017	721	10/19/2017	10/26/2017
10/15/2017 - 10/28/2017	722	11/2/2017	11/9/2017
10/29/2017 - 11/11/2017	723	* 11/15/2017	11/22/2017
11/12/2017 - 11/25/2017	724	11/30/2017	12/7/2017
11/26/2017 - 12/9/2017	725	12/14/2017	12/21/2017
12/10/2017 - 12/23/2017	726	* 12/27/2017	1/5/2018

Billing deadlines on days before holidays are at 4:00pm on the indicated date (*). Otherwise, they are at the end of the day (midnight). Delays in payments should be expected during holiday periods when State offices and post offices are closed.

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12/24/2017 to 1/6/2018	801	1/11/2018	** 1/19/2018
1/7/2018 to 1/20/2018	802	1/25/2018	2/1/2018
1/21/2018 to 2/3/2018	803	2/8/2018	2/15/2018
2/4/2018 to 2/17/2018	804	2/22/2018	3/1/2018
2/18/2018 to 3/3/2018	805	3/8/2018	3/15/2018
3/4/2018 to 3/17/2018	806	3/22/2018	3/29/2018
3/18/2018 to 3/31/2018	807	4/5/2018	4/12/2018
4/1/2018 to 4/14/2018	808	4/19/2018	4/26/2018
4/15/2018 to 4/28/2018	809	5/3/2018	5/10/2018
4/29/2018 to 5/12/2018	810	5/17/2018	5/24/2018
5/13/2018 to 5/26/2018	811	5/31/2018	6/7/2018
5/27/2018 to 6/9/2018	812	6/14/2018	6/21/2018
6/10/2018 to 6/23/2018	813	6/28/2018	** 7/6/2018
6/24/2018 to 7/7/2018	814	7/12/2018	7/19/2018
7/8/2018 to 7/21/2018	815	7/26/2018	8/2/2018
7/22/2018 to 8/4/2018	816	8/9/2018	8/16/2018
8/5/2018 to 8/18/2018	817	8/23/2018	8/30/2018
8/19/2018 to 9/1/2018	818	9/6/2018	9/13/2018
9/2/2018 to 9/15/2018	819	9/20/2018	9/27/2018
9/16/2018 to 9/29/2018	820	10/4/2018	10/11/2018
9/30/2018 to 10/13/2018	821	10/18/2018	10/25/2018
10/14/2018 to 10/27/2018	822	11/1/2018	** 11/9/2018
10/28/2018 to 11/10/2018	823	* 11/14/2018	11/21/2018
11/11/2018 to 11/24/2018	824	11/29/2018	12/6/2018
11/25/2018 to 12/8/2018	825	12/13/2018	12/20/2018
12/9/2018 to 12/22/2018	826	* 12/26/2018	** 1/4/2019

Billing deadlines on days before holidays are at 4:00pm on the indicated date (*). Otherwise, they are at the end of the day (midnight). Please plan for delays in payments (***) during holiday periods when state offices and post offices are closed.

**I-Billing for Providers
Step-By-Step Instructions
Michigan Department of Education**

These step-by-step instructions explain how to use the I-Billing system to bill for children receiving Child Development and Care (CDC) assistance.

STEP 1

Go to www.michigan.gov/childcare. Click on **GO TO PROVIDERS SECTION** in the center box titled Providers.

STEP 2

Scroll down to the link [Provider I-Billing](#) at the bottom of the page under *Provider Resources*.

STEP 3

Click on the [Login to I-Billing \(I have my password\)](#) link. Once on the CDC Provider login screen enter your seven-digit Provider ID number and your six-digit PIN.

NOTE: A PIN reset process is available in the I-Billing system. You will be asked to complete a series of security questions after accessing the online billing system your first time. You must select three security questions from the list of choices and enter a response for each. You will also have the option to enter your email address where a future PIN request can be sent; otherwise your PIN will be mailed to the address on file.

STEP 4

At the *CDC Provider Billing & Payment Inquiry Menu*, select the pay period you would like to bill for then click the "Work on Billing Invoice" button.

STEP 5

Enter the actual in and out times for each child, including the correct am or pm label from the drop-down field. You will enter both regular child care hours and child absence hours, if the child was absent.

NOTE: You must keep complete and accurate records of daily attendance for all state-funded children in your care. Your records must show for each child: child's name, date of care, care begin and end time, parent certification for each day you intend to bill (including absence hours), and provider's signature. You must retain these attendance records for 4 years from the date of care for auditing purposes. You may access the *CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record* at www.michigan.gov/childcare.

Skip the day if you have 0 hours of care.

NOTE: Absence hours are limited to 208 hours per child per fiscal year. Any child absence hours exceeding this limit will be the responsibility of the parent. The fiscal year begins October 1st and ends September 30th.

STEP 6

If you provided care for more children than listed on the first page, click the "Next" button under the last child listed on the current page.

NOTE: If a child is not listed, that child has not been authorized. If you have deselected a child, you may have to reselect the child (in Add/Remove Child) in order for the child to be listed on your billing invoice.

STEP 7

You may choose to *Save and Continue Working* or *Save and Return to Menu*. If you choose to *Save and Continue Working*, your work will be saved, but it will not be submitted. You will remain on the current page in the I-Billing system. If you choose to *Save and Return to Menu* your work will be saved, but it will not be submitted. You can go back and finish at a later time.

STEP 8

When you have entered all of your billing information, you must check the *I Certify That* box located at the bottom of the billing screen. After you have checked the Certify box, click on the *Submit to MDE* button. You must be on the last page of your billing in order to submit your hours.

NOTE: By checking *I Certify*, you are certifying that you have read and agree to the requirements stated in the Child Development and Care (CDC) Handbook. You may submit revised invoices up to 90 days after the end of the pay period.

STEP 9

A completed invoice (PDF file) will appear that you may print for your records. This invoice does not replace your completed Time and Attendance Records that you must retain for four years. To close the PDF file, click the "X" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. You will then be directed to the I-Billing Main Menu where you can log out of the system.

STEP 10

To successfully log out, you must click the *Log Out/Exit* button located at the bottom right of the main page. Do not use the red close "X" at the top of your browser or you will not log off successfully.

NOTE: If you have questions about I-Billing, you may view our I-Billing Web tutorial located at: www.michigan.gov/childcare.

For help with I-Billing, you may call Child Development and Care at 1-866-990-3227, Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., except holidays.

I-Billing for Providers Most Frequently Asked Questions

Billing System:

How do I find my Provider ID number and Personal Identification Number (PIN)?

Your Provider ID number is located on the DHS 198, Child Development and Care (CDC) Provider Notice. Your PIN is an automatically assigned six digit number and is mailed separately.

Note: A PIN reset process is available in the I-Billing system. This process requires you to complete a set of security questions after accessing I-Billing the first time. You must select 3 security questions from the list of choices and enter a response for each selection. You will also have the option to enter your email address and select whether you want a future PIN emailed or mailed; otherwise your PIN will be mailed to the address on file.

What is a pay period?

A pay period is a two-week billing period for which a unique 3 digit number has been assigned. Refer to the CDC Payment Schedule in the Child Development and Care (CDC) handbook or at www.michigan.gov/childcare.

How do I use the Internet for billing?

To enter your billing information, access the I-Billing system at www.michigan.gov/childcare. Have your Provider ID number, your PIN and your time and attendance information, such as the CDC Daily Time and Attendance Record, in front of you. Enter the attendance information for the two-week pay period for each authorized child that you provided care for.

How do I enter my billing information?

Select the pay period you are billing for on the main menu and click the "Work on Billing Invoice" button. Enter actual in and out times for each child. I-Billing automatically rounds and calculates total hours of care.

Note: Prior to submitting your billing invoice, you must certify that you have read and agree to the requirements stated in the Child Development and Care (CDC) Handbook.

How do I report for a child who is absent because of a reported illness or a state holiday?

Child absence hours may be billed for any periods in which the child is not in care when he/she would have normally been in attendance. This includes periods when the provider is open for business, as well as when the facility is closed. Child absence hours cannot be billed after the child's last day in attendance. Please understand that billed hours may not exceed the number of hours the child would have normally been in your care. The absent box must be selected when billing absence hours. Also, enter the IN and OUT times the child would normally be in care. Absence hours are limited to 208 per fiscal year (October 1st – September 30th).

How do I report corrections for this pay period or for a prior pay period?

To report additional or revised time on an invoice that has already been submitted, select the pay period you need to update on the I-Billing Main Menu, and then select "Work on Billing Invoice." Click Proceed to continue. Enter the additional or revised time on the billing screen, then certify and submit the invoice.

Note: Once you certify and submit the information to MDE, you may submit revised invoices up to 90 days after the end of the pay period.

How do I bill for a child whose name is not listed?

If a child's name is not listed on the I-Billing screen, select the "Next" button to view additional pages. If a child is not listed, **you may not be authorized to bill for this child**. If the child still does not appear and you know you have authorization to bill, call the CDC office at 1-866-990-3227 for assistance.

What are the other buttons on the I-Billing main menu?

The options on the main menu are:

- a) Work on Billing Invoice
- b) View last payment
- c) View previous billings
- d) View payments by pay period
- e) View Statement of Payments
- f) Add/Remove Child

How do I successfully log-out of the I-Billing system?

Click on the button labeled "Log Out/Exit" located at the bottom of the main page. Once you have done this, you can close your Internet browser.

Billing Time Frames:

When can I bill for child care with I-Billing?

The I-Billing system is available 365 days a year, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Refer to the CDC Payment Schedule for billing deadlines.

Training and Technical Assistance:

Is there any Internet billing training available?

The Child Development and Care (CDC) program has created new Provider Training modules located at www.michigan.gov/childcare/ProviderTraining. The modules will assist with providing training and support to follow CDC requirements and maintain proper attendance records as specified in the CDC Handbook. If you receive a Program Violation Notice, you may be required to review one or more of these modules.

How can I talk to a person about questions I have?

If you need assistance, you can contact the CDC office at: 1-866-990-3227 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SIGMA VSS: Doing business with the State

The State of Michigan has upgraded its financial and business processes to a new system, SIGMA

SIGMA improves the way Michigan performs financial activities, including budgeting, accounting, payments, and business and grant opportunities. SIGMA Vendor Self Service (VSS) improves working with vendors, payees and grantees, replacing Contract & Payment Express (C&PE) and Buy4Michigan.

Key Items

- **You will continue to get paid regardless of whether you have claimed your SIGMA VSS account.**
- You will need to claim your SIGMA VSS account to respond to business opportunities.
- *Quick reference guides* are available below to assist you with claiming your VSS account, registering as a new vendor with the state, or seeing your payment information.
- Additional user information, along with instructions on how to claim and validate your account, are provided on the SIGMA VSS home page access on the link below.

If you had an active account in the C&PE and were converted to the user-friendly SIGMA VSS, you should now claim your VSS account. Additional user information, along with instructions on how you can claim and validate your account, are provided on the SIGMA VSS home page.



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Billing and Payment Questions

- For questions concerning billing and payments call 1-866-990-3227.