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Dear Child Care Provider:

Since April 2020, the Cherokee Nation Child Care & Development Subsidy Program has offered financial support policies for our contracted child care providers as part of the Cherokee Nation COVID-19 relief efforts. We continue to value the important service you provide to our Cherokee families and hope these policies served as a resource to your child care program during the pandemic.

This letter is to inform you that all Cherokee Nation COVID-19 Child Care Subsidy Emergency Policies will expire July 31, 2022, and effective August 1, 2022, Child Care Subsidy will return to Subsidy policies in effect prior to April 2020.

The COVID-19 Subsidy policies that will expire on July 31, 2022 include the COVID-19 Absent Day Policy, the COVID-19 \$5.00 Add-on Rate Policy and the COVID-19 Coverage of Child Care Copayments for Parents Policy.

An overview of the Subsidy policies that will resume as of August 1, 2022 are listed below.

- 1) Copayments - Parents/guardians will be responsible for their monthly copayment to your program. The monthly copayment is per child.
- 2) Absent Day Payments - A child must attend 15 days per month or 75% of the days in which the facility is open for the month to be eligible for paid absent days. If the child does not meet the 15 day/75% monthly attendance requirement, the absent days cannot be claimed and the parent/guardian may be responsible for payment of absent days to your program. If the child failed to meet attendance requirements due to illness, the provider may submit a doctor's note (from the parent) with the *Billing Forms* to show cause for the child's absent days.
- 3) School Age Children (Absent Day) - Part-time daily rates will resume for school-age children attending less than 4 hours per day. School-age children must attend 15 days per month (full-time days or part-time days) or 75% of the days in which the facility is open for the month to be eligible for paid absent days. If the school-age child does not meet the monthly attendance requirement, absent days may not be claimed and the parent/guardian may be responsible for payment of absent days to your program.

The COVID-19 Emergency \$5.00 Add-on Rate was not an ongoing policy prior to the pandemic and the \$5.00 add-on rate paid as part of our COVID-19 relief efforts will be discontinued July 31, 2022.

For more information on the Child Care Subsidy Policies, please refer to the Cherokee Nation Child Care Subsidy Program *Basic Billing Guidelines for Contracted Providers* provided to you upon contract approval. Copies of the *Billing Guidelines* are located on our webpage at <https://childcare.cherokee.org/subsidy/> under downloads or you may request a copy by calling the Child Care Subsidy Billing Staff at (918) 453-5300.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (918) 453-5300.

Sincerely,

Cherokee Nation Child Care Subsidy Staff