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**SUBJECT: Tiered Reimbursement Change**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** [Operations Memo 12-30](#), [Operations Memo 13-01](#), and [Operations Memo 13-20](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 29, 2013

**PURPOSE**

This Operations Memo informs local child care administrative agencies that Child Care providers that have a YoungStar rating of 4 Stars will receive an increase in the Tiered Reimbursement bonus.

**BACKGROUND**

The 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 created YoungStar, Wisconsin's Quality Rating and Improvement System. The 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 modified YoungStar to include the tiered reimbursement structure which links the program's quality of care to the Wisconsin Shares subsidy reimbursement. Beginning on July 1, 2012, the Wisconsin Shares reimbursement was based on each child care provider's YoungStar quality rating. Previously, in January 2013, 5 Star providers saw an increase in their Tiered Reimbursement bonus.

**POLICY CHANGE:****4 Star Program Adjustment Increase**

Effective January 1, 2014 YoungStar quality rating adjustments for 4 Star child care programs will increase from 5% to up to 10%. The adjustment will begin the second week of the attendance period that begins on December 22 which will be the week of December 29, 2013.

The 10% YoungStar adjustment is calculated on the Wisconsin Shares reimbursement amount *after* the copayment amount has been deducted. The increase will be included in Wisconsin Shares reimbursements for attendance reported for the week beginning December 29<sup>th</sup> and payments issued beginning on January 11, 2014.

Wisconsin Shares reimbursement amounts for child care programs rated at other star levels will not change.

**CONTACTS:**

For Wisconsin Shares Child Care Policy questions outside of Milwaukee County contact your Bureau of Regional Operations (BRO), Child Care Coordinators at [http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/regional\\_operations/pdf/contact\\_list.pdf](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/regional_operations/pdf/contact_list.pdf)

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