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**Child Care**

**SUBJECT: 2018 Wisconsin Shares Copayment Adjustments**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** Operations Memo [18-01](#)  
[Wisconsin Shares Policy Manual](#), Section [2.4.1](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 1, 2018

**PURPOSE:** This memo introduces a change to the copayment schedule for Wisconsin Shares Child Care assistance based upon the 2018 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) changes that were published in Operations Memo [18-01](#).

**BACKGROUND:** The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is adjusted annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index and this change affects the copayments for Wisconsin Shares Child Care assistance. There is no change to the formula that is used to calculate the copayment. The new rates for copayments have been established based on the change to the FPL.

**POLICY:** The new copayment schedule will be effective March 1, 2018. All Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy cases with an existing authorization will go through a benefit recalculation on the night of February 20, 2018, that will automatically update the copayment calculation. Updated Authorization Notices will be mailed to affected families on February 21, 2018.

A link to the 2018 copayment schedule is located on the [Wisconsin Shares Eligibility Guidelines](#) web page under the heading, "How much will Wisconsin Shares pay for child care? Will I have to pay anything?"

### Excerpt from Wisconsin Shares Copayment Schedule

Effective March 1, 2018

Each family has a base copayment and an additional per-child amount.

	Monthly Copayment		The <b>Base</b> Copayment amount is adjusted based on the monthly child care hours for the family.	From Monthly Hours	To Monthly Hours	% Copay
	Base	Per Child				
70% FPL	\$0	\$26	0	20	10	
75% FPL	\$3	\$28	21	40	25	
80% FPL	\$9	\$30	41	80	50*	
			81	999	100	
85% FPL	\$26	\$31	*If all authorizations on the case are 20 hours or less, the Base Copayment cannot exceed 50%.			
90% FPL	\$42	\$33				
95% FPL	\$60	\$35				
100% FPL	\$69	\$37				
105% FPL	\$84	\$39				
110% FPL	\$94	\$41				
115% FPL	\$101	\$43				
120% FPL	\$112	\$44				
125% FPL	\$123	\$46				
130% FPL	\$141	\$48				
135% FPL	\$165	\$50				
140% FPL	\$175	\$52				
145% FPL	\$181	\$54				
150% FPL	\$191	\$56				
155% FPL	\$198	\$57				
160% FPL	\$208	\$59				
165% FPL	\$215	\$61				
170% FPL	\$222	\$63				
175% FPL	\$228	\$65				
180% FPL	\$237	\$67				
185% FPL	\$244	\$69				
190% FPL	\$250	\$70				
195% FPL	\$257	\$72				
200% FPL	\$263	\$74				

  

	From Monthly Hours	To Monthly Hours	% Copay
The <b>Per Child</b> Copayment amount is further adjusted based on the monthly hours for the individual child.	0	15	10
	16	30	20
	31	45	30
	46	60	40
	61	75	50
	76	90	60
	91	105	70
	106	120	80
	121	135	90
	136	999	100

  

**For example:** A one-parent family at 100 percent FPL with two children in care for 45 hours per week would have a base copay of \$69 and a total per-child copay of \$74.

**Base Copay:** \$69  
 45 Hours/Week x 2 Children > 81 Monthly Hours  
 100 % Copay = \$69

**Per Child Copay:** \$37  
 45 Hours/Week > 136 Monthly Hours  
 100 % Copay = \$37 ( x 2 Children)

**Total Per Child Copay:** \$74

\$69 + \$74 = \$143

**Total Monthly Copay:** \$143

**CONTACTS:**

For Wisconsin Shares Child Care policy questions outside of Milwaukee County contact your Bureau of Regional Operations (BRO), Child Care Coordinators at [BROCCPolicyHelpDesk@wisconsin.gov](mailto:BROCCPolicyHelpDesk@wisconsin.gov).

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