

# **WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**

## **G R E A T E R D A L L A S**

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### Provider Reimbursement Rates

#### **Background**

In accordance with WD Letter 24-21, WFSDallas follows TWC's guidance for Provider Reimbursement Rates.

#### **Policy**

On August 31, 2021, the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) three-member Commission (Commission) took action to ensure that Boards' maximum reimbursement rates are set at the following levels based on the most recent Market Rate Survey (MRS):

- 60th percentile for infants
- 55th percentile for toddlers
- 50th percentile for preschool and school-age children

Additionally, the Commission's action ties enhanced reimbursement rates for Texas Rising Star programs to the following benchmarks for 4-Star providers, based on the most recent MRS with adjustments necessary to ensure that Texas Rising Star rates meet the parameters of 40 TAC §809.20(c)-(d):

- 85th percentile for infants
- 80th percentile for toddlers
- 75th percentile for preschool and school-age children.

Contractors must be aware that regular (non-Texas Rising Star) rates for all nonrelative provider types that currently fall below the 60th percentile for infants, 55th percentile for toddlers, and 50th percentile for preschool and school-age children for the most recent MRS will be increased to the appropriate percentile. These rate increases are effective October 1 of the year during which the MRS is released.

Contractors must be aware that if a local reimbursement rate for a category of care was in effect before October 1 and is higher than the calculated increased rate for that category, the higher rate continues to be in effect after October 1. No provider rates will be reduced based on this guidance.

Contractors must be aware that the Texas Rising Star rates have been calculated based on the most recent MRS and continue to be based on the following benchmarks:

- Set reimbursement rates for Texas Rising Star 4-Star providers at the 85th percentile for infants, 80th percentile for toddlers, and 75th percentile for preschool and school age children
- Set reimbursement rates for Texas Rising Star 3-Star providers at 90 percent of the local 4-Star rate
- Set reimbursement rates for Texas Rising Star 2-Star providers at 90 percent of the local 3-Star rate

Contractors must be aware that TWC will calculate and enter the rates into The Workforce Information System of Texas (TWIST) for each category of care for each Board. (See Attachment 1, FY'22 Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates.) The new rates are effective on October 1 of each year. Contractors must ensure that provider agreements containing specific rate information are updated to reflect the new rates. Contractors must ensure that all affected agreements are updated by November 30 of each year. |

## FY'22 Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates—Effective October 1, 2021

### Dallas County

Provider Type	Provider Rating	Infant FT	Infant PT	Toddler FT	Toddler PT	Preschool FT	Preschool PT	School-age FT	School-age PT
LCCC	Reg	\$ 43.00	\$ 37.60	\$ 38.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.80	\$ 24.80	\$ 31.40	\$ 22.20
LCCC	TRS2	\$ 45.15	\$ 39.48	\$ 39.90	\$ 34.65	\$ 35.49	\$ 26.04	\$ 32.97	\$ 23.31
LCCC	TRS3	\$ 47.16	\$ 41.94	\$ 41.58	\$ 36.54	\$ 36.90	\$ 28.08	\$ 34.74	\$ 25.38
LCCC	TRS4	\$ 52.40	\$ 46.60	\$ 46.20	\$ 40.60	\$ 41.00	\$ 31.20	\$ 38.60	\$ 28.20
LCCC	TSR	-	-	-	-	\$ 35.49	\$ 26.04	-	-
LCCH	Reg	\$ 37.20	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.80	\$ 29.40	\$ 30.80	\$ 24.40	\$ 27.00	\$ 22.20
LCCH	TRS2	\$ 39.06	\$ 34.65	\$ 35.49	\$ 30.87	\$ 32.34	\$ 25.62	\$ 28.35	\$ 23.31
LCCH	TRS3	\$ 41.58	\$ 37.26	\$ 37.26	\$ 32.94	\$ 34.02	\$ 27.54	\$ 30.24	\$ 25.38
LCCH	TRS4	\$ 46.20	\$ 41.40	\$ 41.40	\$ 36.60	\$ 37.80	\$ 30.60	\$ 33.60	\$ 28.20
LCCH	TSR	-	-	-	-	\$ 32.34	\$ 25.62	-	-
RCCH	Reg	\$ 35.40	\$ 30.20	\$ 31.80	\$ 26.60	\$ 27.80	\$ 21.00	\$ 23.60	\$ 18.40
RCCH	TRS2	\$ 37.17	\$ 31.71	\$ 33.39	\$ 27.93	\$ 29.19	\$ 22.05	\$ 24.78	\$ 19.44
RCCH	TRS3	\$ 39.60	\$ 34.56	\$ 35.46	\$ 30.06	\$ 30.96	\$ 24.30	\$ 26.82	\$ 21.60
RCCH	TRS4	\$ 44.00	\$ 38.40	\$ 39.40	\$ 33.40	\$ 34.40	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.80	\$ 24.00
RCCH	TSR	-	-	-	-	\$ 29.19	\$ 22.05	-	-
Relative	None	\$ 15.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 14.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 7.96

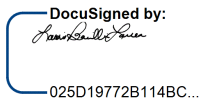
LCCC = Licensed child care center  
 LCCH = Licensed child care home  
 RCCH = Registered child care home  
 TRS = Texas Rising Star  
 TSR = Texas School Ready  
 FT = Full time  
 PT = Part time

**Action Required**

This policy must be distributed to all affected staff.

**Contact**

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