

Amendment to CCAP plan 10-29-2014

This letter is to notify you that your 2014 – 2015 County Child Care Plan request for an amendment has been received, reviewed and partially approved by the Department of Human Services as follows:

2014 - 2015 County Child Care Plan Amendment – VII.C. Other County Responsibilities

Effective Date: October 28, 2014

Revision: County policies applicable to Minnesota Statutes 119B.13, Subd. 6.(d)

DHS has approved the following:

St. Louis County will refuse to issue an authorization, revoke an existing authorization, stop payment issued, or refuse to pay a bill submitted by a licensed or legal nonlicensed provider if:

1. the provider admits to intentionally giving the county materially false information on the provider's billing forms;
2. the County finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the provider intentionally gave the County materially false information on the provider's billing forms;
3. the provider is operating after receipt of an order of suspension or an order of revocation of the provider's license...
4. the provider submits false attendance reports or refuses to provide documentation of the child's attendance upon request; or
5. the provider gives false child care price information.

St. Louis County has also been approved to use and alternate notice (as provided by DHS) to notify families when a provider has had their authorization (registration) revoked, in addition to system notices.

St. Louis County has not been approved to refuse to issue an authorization, revoke an existing authorization, stop payment issues, or refuse to pay a bill submitted by a licensed or legal nonlicensed provider if:

1. the provider is in violation of child care assistance program rules, until the agency determines those violations have been corrected;
2. the provider has been issued an order citing violations of licensing standards that affect the health and safety of children in care due to the nature, chronicity, or severity of the licensing violations, until the licensing agency determines those violations have been corrected (this is the second part of clause 3 above).

DHS will provide further guidance regarding the conditions that are not approved in this request. We advise you to consult with your county attorney before taking any of the approved actions.

Policies related to provider disqualifications still apply. In instances where a provider is suspected of willfully or intentionally withholding, concealing, or misrepresenting information for the purpose of receiving or attempting to receive more benefits than they are eligible to receive or to help another person receive or to attempt to receive more benefits than the person is entitled to, follow your agency's protocol for referring to fraud. Additionally, if fraud is established, disqualification periods in CCAP Policy Manual, Chapter 14.12.6 still apply.

In addition, if a provider is deemed unsafe, operating illegally and/or does not meet the Child Care Assistance Program requirements, as outlined in Chapter 2 and 11 of the CCAP Policy Manual, under current policy, the County must deny or revoke a provider's authorization.