



Dear School Readiness Providers,

Starting **July 1, 2025**, Rule 6M-4.400 will be updated by the federal government to reflect changes to School Readiness (SR) copayments.

A new **DEL sliding fee scale** will go into effect on that date. Our Family Services team will continue to assess income as usual; **however, at the time of redetermination or initial determination for a new family**, co-payments will now be calculated as a percentage of a household's gross annual income—**not to exceed 7%**—and will be based on the child's authorized care hours (full-time or part-time).

Key Changes to Note:

- **Only one child per household** will be assigned a co-payment, even if multiple children are enrolled in the School Readiness Program.
- The co-payment will be assigned to **just one provider**, even if the child attends more than one.
- **All other children in the household** enrolled in the SR Program will have a **\$0 co-payment**, and providers will receive full daily reimbursement rates based on authorized care hours.
- **For families already receiving services prior to July 1, 2025, these changes will not occur until their upcoming redetermination date.**

Payment Certificate Details:

- Each child's certificate will indicate whether they have a co-payment or a \$0 co-payment.
- It will also show the daily reimbursement rate ECS4Kids will pay:
- **Before co-payment** (for the assigned child)
- **In full** (for children with \$0 co-payment)

Reimbursement Guidelines:

- For children with a co-payment, ECS4Kids will reimburse the SR rate **minus the co-payment**, based on the child's care level and authorized schedule.
- For children without a co-payment, ECS4Kids will reimburse the full SR rate.
- Providers may continue to **assess additional fees** for SR children, if applicable.

Questions?

Contact ECS4Kids at 800-238-3463 or find your local One Stop office: ecs4kids.org/locations.

Thank you for your continued partnership,
ECS4Kids